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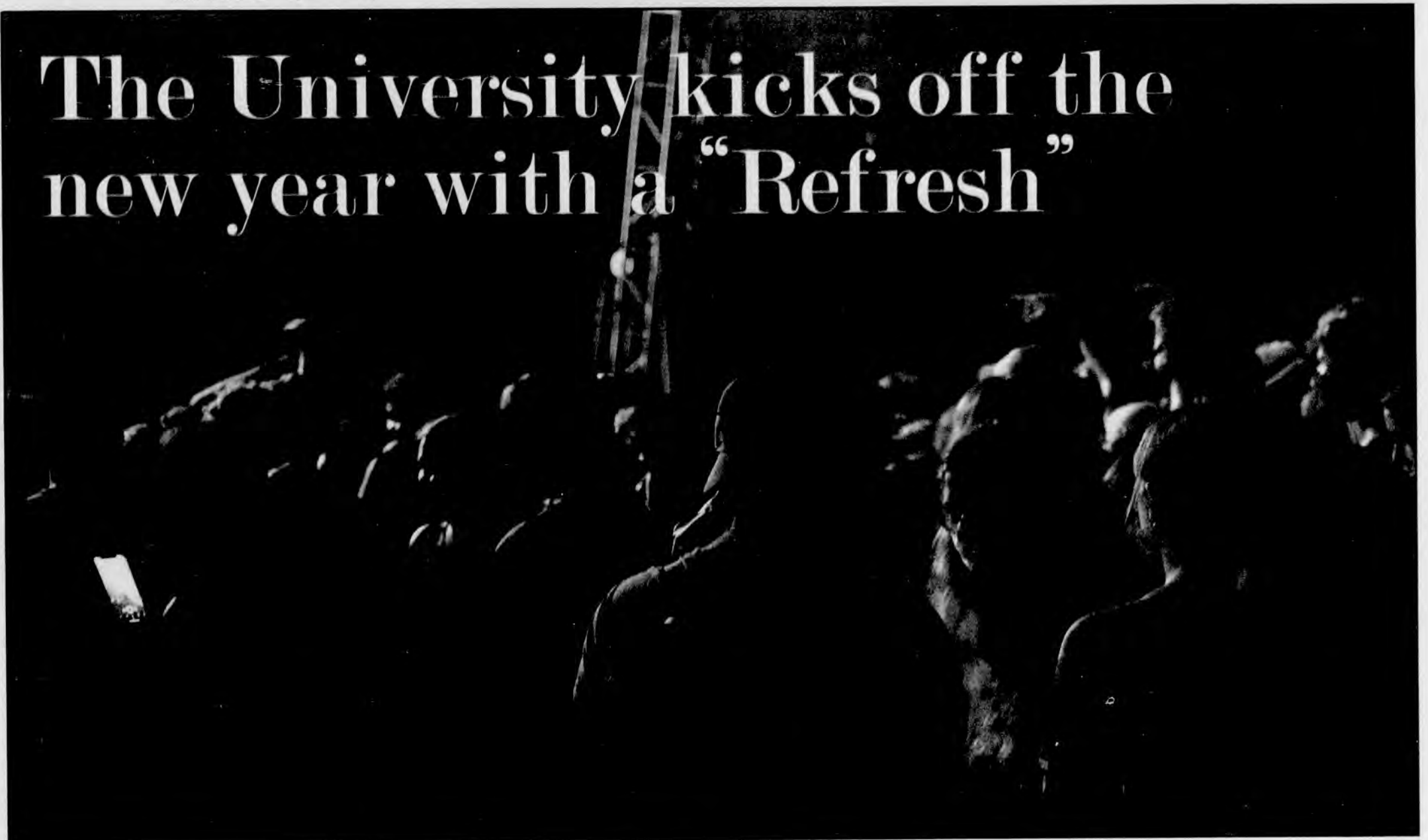


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On August 27 and 28 the University hosted a series of free events for Bucknellians, "Bucknell Refresh." The weekend event kicked off the semester with numerous fun attractions and community events. Friday, August 27, featured a Jumma Prayer at the Muslim Community Space and Welcome Back BBQ with LG-BTQ Resources, Fran's House and GSA, as well as Shabbat Services and dinner at the Berelson Center and Alt-Rock & Roots at the Weis Center.

Following these events were more activities at the Field House, beginning at 6:30pm. Events included Custom Bucket Hats, Henna and Temporary Tattoos, BMX Bike Shows by Dialed Action Sports, a student band performance, and an ASAP Ferg concert followed by Chime-neas and S'mores as well as lawn games on the Sojka lawn.

By all accounts, students enjoyed ASAP Ferg's appearance on campus for a free concert. Sojka Lawn was packed, and students had a blast dancing to the music and being with

friends.

Grace Hauer '24 mentioned that it was a great way to get back to campus after over a year of social distancing. "Because of COVID-19 restrictions last year we didn't really have the opportunity to have any concerts or big events so it was awesome to be in a big group again on campus! It was such a great way to start the semester," said Hauer.

On Saturday at 4:30pm therapy dogs and the Activities Fair were held also in the Field House. The activities fair is a great way to check out the Uni-

versity's clubs and organizations as each club has a table for students to talk to the leaders and learn more about what each club does.

Juliya Hamood '24, Secretary of the Association for Computing Machinery, was also excited about the turnout for the Activities Fair. Hamood said that, "it was a wonderful experience to see all the clubs my peers were a part of and leaders for. I had a great time chatting with my co-leaders as we recruited more computer science majors to join our club."

"The University is full of passionate and creative students who are just so open to any and everything and it's my favorite part of being a Bucknellian. Ray activities fair," Hamood continued.

First-year Jahnia Treadwell '25 also enjoyed the Activities Fair and getting to meet the clubs. Treadwell said, "The Activities Fair was overwhelming in the best way possible. We got to engage with a variety of clubs and explore extracurriculars that become a part of us over the next four years. It

Colossal Class of 2025 starts their collegiate journey

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University classes are back in session – and this year, the herd is bigger than ever. The largest first-year class in University history, the incoming class of 2025, brought a staggering 1,031 students to campus.

The class size presented both an opportunity and challenge for the University, since "the Class of 2025 target was 1,000 [students]," according to Dean of Admissions Kevin Mathes. He noted that the pandemic made it difficult for the University to predict how accepted students would respond to offers of admission.

According to Mathes, non-pandemic years have seen more students changing their minds over the summer by deciding to take a gap year, getting off the waitlist at another university, or changing their mind about attending college altogether.

"In recent years, this has been between seven and nine percent of those planning to attend [the University] but this year it was about 4.5 percent," Mathes said. "While we anticipate shifts in this percentage, it was much lower than we could have imagined."

Despite these challenges for the admissions office, Mathes maintains an optimistic outlook, noting his gratefulness to his colleagues "who have been able to make sure the Class of 2025 has a

great first year."

In respect to how the University will handle future admissions, Lisa Keegan, Vice President of Enrollment Management said, "we were targeting 1,000 first-year students with a plan to grow the first-year class by no more than five students for the class of 2026."

Keegan further explained that "Given the size of the class of 2025, we will reassess next year's first-year class target as we seek to balance the larger class with our residential model."

In response to the prospect of building new residence halls, Director of Media Relations Mike Perlazzo described that "[t]here are currently no plans for new buildings to accommodate student housing, but that is subject to change as needs arise."

Due to the increase in students, the university has already expanded first-year housing options to include Harris Hall, a residence hall without air conditioning.

"Trying to survive without AC in this intense August heat is brutal," first-year student Casey Scanlan '25, a resident in Harris Hall, said.

However, despite the hot living conditions, Scanlan is enjoying bonding with her hall. Well after orientation, Scanlan and her hallmates "still do a lot of things together like getting food at the ELC, making runs to the bookstore or just sitting in the hall talking and laughing for

The University has opened its latest addition: Holmes Hall

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The University has once again expanded its infrastructure, this time in a bigger and more elaborate display. Holmes Hall is the new \$50 million addition to the University's campus. It will serve as a home to both the Freeman College of Management and the University's Department of Art & Art History.

The new 79,500 square-foot building will provide spaces for students to collaborate and faculty to host meetings. Holmes hall contains an auditorium, studios for the Markets Innovation and Design program, an data analytics lab, and a 216-seat auditorium.

It is named after Steve and Bonnie Holmes, both class of '79, for their significant commitments to the University.

"The world needs more broad thinkers, and I think Bucknell produces broad thinkers," said Steve Holmes in the

University's press release last week.

The facilities, which recently opened for the fall 2021 semester, have been touted by University administrators to inspire students to be engaged in their studies and cultivate a lifelong learning experience. Throughout the building, there is creative artwork displayed, as well as the Bloomberg Terminal which shows foreign exchange and commodities in real-time.

"Bucknell's rich mix of top liberal arts and professional programs prepares our students to lead lives filled with purpose and excel in the careers of today and tomorrow," says University President John Bravman in a press release. "Holmes Hall is an expression of our institution's distinctive prospect made tangible in brick, glass and steel."

As for the arts, there is an analog photography studio where students can study and develop film. Furthermore, there are innovative tools such as 3D printers and laser cutters for rap-

id prototyping.

"The interactive, accessible, experimental and participative teaching spaces will allow students to cooperate in the creation of knowledge by actively participating in the aesthetic process and the process of research alike," said Tulu Bayar, chair of the Department of Art & Art History, in a press release. "But most importantly, the arts give language to young people who otherwise would not have language that speaks to life and life potentials. Should we subtract the arts from our culture, we would not have very much left at all. Holmes Hall is the visual manifestation of this fundamental thinking."

Students also seem to be impressed with the addition.

"I am so thankful for the new addition of Holmes Hall to the Bucknell Campus," said Rhett Robins, '23, who enjoys using Holmes Hall as a study place to collaborate with other students on campus. "I am eager and excited to utilize this space."



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BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Juliette Gaggini
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INTERNATIONAL

Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party has pledged billions of dollars to be spent over the next five years on healthcare, childcare and other issues. This news comes as Trudeau faces a tight snap election race against the Conservative Party, led by Erin O'Toole. Such spending plans would push the Canadian national debt to record numbers.

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO), an agency of the UN, has reported that the number of weather disasters caused by climate change has increased fivefold since the 1970s. The report further notes that these disasters are to blame for more than 2 million deaths and \$3.64 trillion in damages. The WMO hopes these reports will push governments to make some type of change in the coming years to help prevent these events.

DOMESTIC

On Wednesday, September 1 a Texas abortion ban, Senate Bill 8, went into effect prohibiting most abortions once medical professionals can detect cardiac activity, which is usually around about six weeks. This is the most restrictive abortion law in the country, leaving almost no access to abortions for Texas's nearly 15 million women.

President Biden defended the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan earlier this week, explaining that he was "not going to [further] extend" the 20-year war and the cost for the United States would have far exceeded the cost of the 13 service members killed in the Kabul Airport had the US stayed. In his address to the nation, Biden described that he, "[doesn't] think enough people understand how much we've asked of the 1 percent of this country who put that uniform on."

BUCKNELL REFRESH

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was definitely a highlight of the week and I am looking-forward to my next four years!"

Alongside the Activities Fair were also multiple food trucks on the Sojka Lawn. Students got tickets from the Activities Fair for free food from the variety of food trucks outside.

Andrew Lee '22 really enjoyed the food trucks. Lee said, "The barbecue meat food truck was my favorite and I also really enjoyed the shaved ice. I got the pina colada flavor which was really tasty and I found little pieces of pineapple in it which was an extra-

surprising bonus."

On Saturday night students enjoyed a second concert of the weekend by the DJ/producer duo Two Friends in the Field House.

Lucas Hill '24 had a fun time at the concert with his friends. Hill said, "I think the Two Friends concert was a good start of the year since last year we could not do too much in person due to COVID-19 restrictions. I thought it was super fun to see the campus super lively. It was definitely one of the more fun nights in Lewisburg!"

CLASS OF 2025

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for hours."

Scanlan acknowledged that college is a time for the class of 2025 to have a much-needed change of scenery, after enduring a global pandemic during their senior year of high school. She believes the first-year students are "eager to bring excitement and energy back into our lives as we start our journey" at the University.

Similarly, Junior Fellow for the Language and Cultures Residential College Puja Velani '24 sees students adjusting to their lives at college. Velani expressed excitement

for her residents, noting that "it's amazing to see first-years making new and lasting friendships and connections."

As a coordinator of first-year activities in her residential college, Velani observed that "whether it be collaboration in classes, clubs or residence halls, the class of 2025 shows a lot of promise to build a strong and supportive community and to excel and achieve great things at Bucknell and beyond."

University receives largest one-sum donation in its history

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Contributing Writer

Last July, alumnus Michael Pascucci '58 pledged the largest one-time commitment in the University's history, at a total of more than \$40 million.

Although the effects have already started to show physically on Bucknell's campus, with the recent addition of a video board at the far end of Christy Mathewson Stadium, many more changes are still yet to come.

"The extraordinary generosity of Michael Pascucci will have a permanent impact on our University's most imperative calling — ensuring that the power and opportunity of a Bucknell edu-

cation is accessible," University President John Brayman said in a press release responding to the donation. "Many future generations of [University students] to come will owe a deep gratitude and appreciation for the generosity of Michael, his family and the Pascucci Family Foundation."

This commitment is meant to make the University more financially accessible for future students. Approximately \$30 million will go to support unrestricted, need-based financial aid endowment through the Pascucci Family Scholarship, according to the Aug. 9 press release. An additional \$10 million will serve to enhance Christy

Mathewson Memorial Stadium with the new Michael C. Pascucci Team Center and turf practice field, offering additional training and practice space for eight men's and women's teams.

The area of the stadium and the gates right outside the bleachers will now come to be known as the Pascucci Family Athletics Complex, with this new title already in place under the video board.

"I feel that life is up to the individual, that what you do with your own life is your choice, but everyone doesn't get the same chances or have the opportunity to do their best," Pascucci explained of his donation. "If the only reason some students

can't go to Bucknell is because of finances, then I want to help them have a chance. What they do at Bucknell is strictly up to them, but I want them to get that shot."

Pascucci, a first generation college student, majored in finance and has gone on to a successful career, with ventures like the private investment company Duck Pond Associates, the television station WLNY, and the Sebonack Golf Club in Southampton, N.Y.

Just as an education at the University set the groundwork for his successful career, Pascucci's generous donation will grant the opportunity of a Bucknell education to a new generation of students.

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A new look for the Activities Fair helped it grow

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This year's Activities Fair was part of the Bison Refresh event that took place during the first weekend of the semester, Aug. 28 and 29. The event included musical performances by ASAP Ferg and Two Friends, as well as an Activities Fair attended by a wide variety of student organizations.

While previous fairs were geared mainly towards first-year students and held during

orientation, this year's timing allowed students from all class years to enjoy festivities.

"We wanted to move Activities Unlimited out of Orientation so that all students could attend," Director of Campus Activities and Student Media Brent Papson said. "This was especially important after COVID disrupted student involvement last year."

Normally the Activities Fair is an outdoor event where clubs and organizations each have a booth where they can

promote themselves to students. This year, due to rain, the event was held indoors. That wasn't the only difference; 12 local food trucks offered free tickets redeemable for a meal and dessert to all students who attended.

Throughout the evening students could be seen lining up and catching up with friends whom they hadn't seen since last semester. At times, lines for food trucks spanned halfway across the parking lot.

"I loved the food trucks at

the activities fair," Haley Scopelliti '23 said. "It was so cute."

Inside the Gerhard Fieldhouse, tables were lined up with a variety of on and off-campus opportunities. The clubs and organizations ranged from an academic focus, such as the Society of Women Engineers, to cultural ones, like the South Asian Student Association. There were also community service-based organizations, like Dance Marathon and just-for-fun ones, like 'Nell Party, the University's stand-up

comedy club.

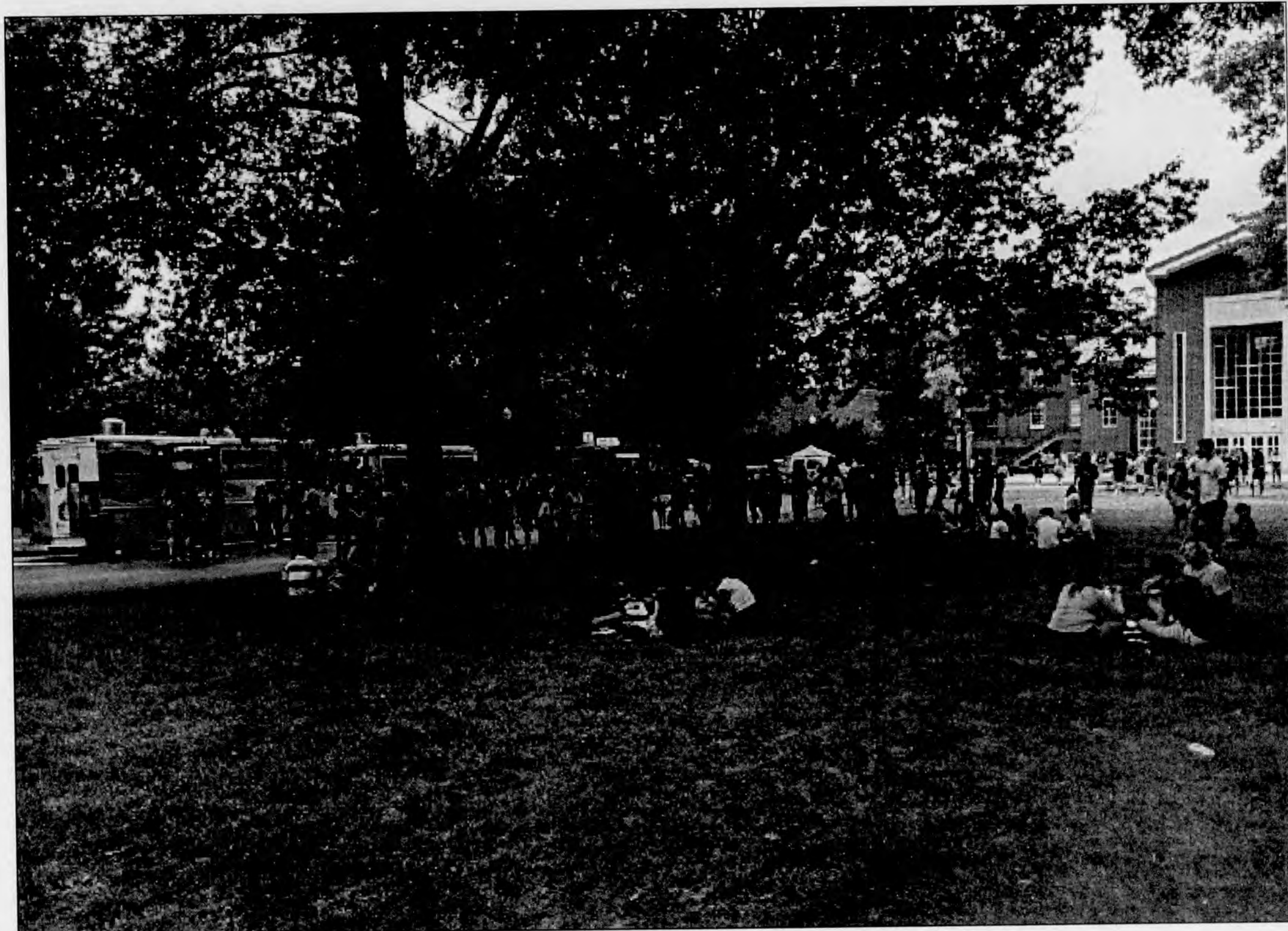
"I did not realize there were this many clubs at Bucknell, and I'm excited to join some," Hannah Schultheis '24 said.

For students who missed out on the activities fair but want more information on the clubs and organizations in attendance, the "IN Network" is a comprehensive resource for all organizations on campus.

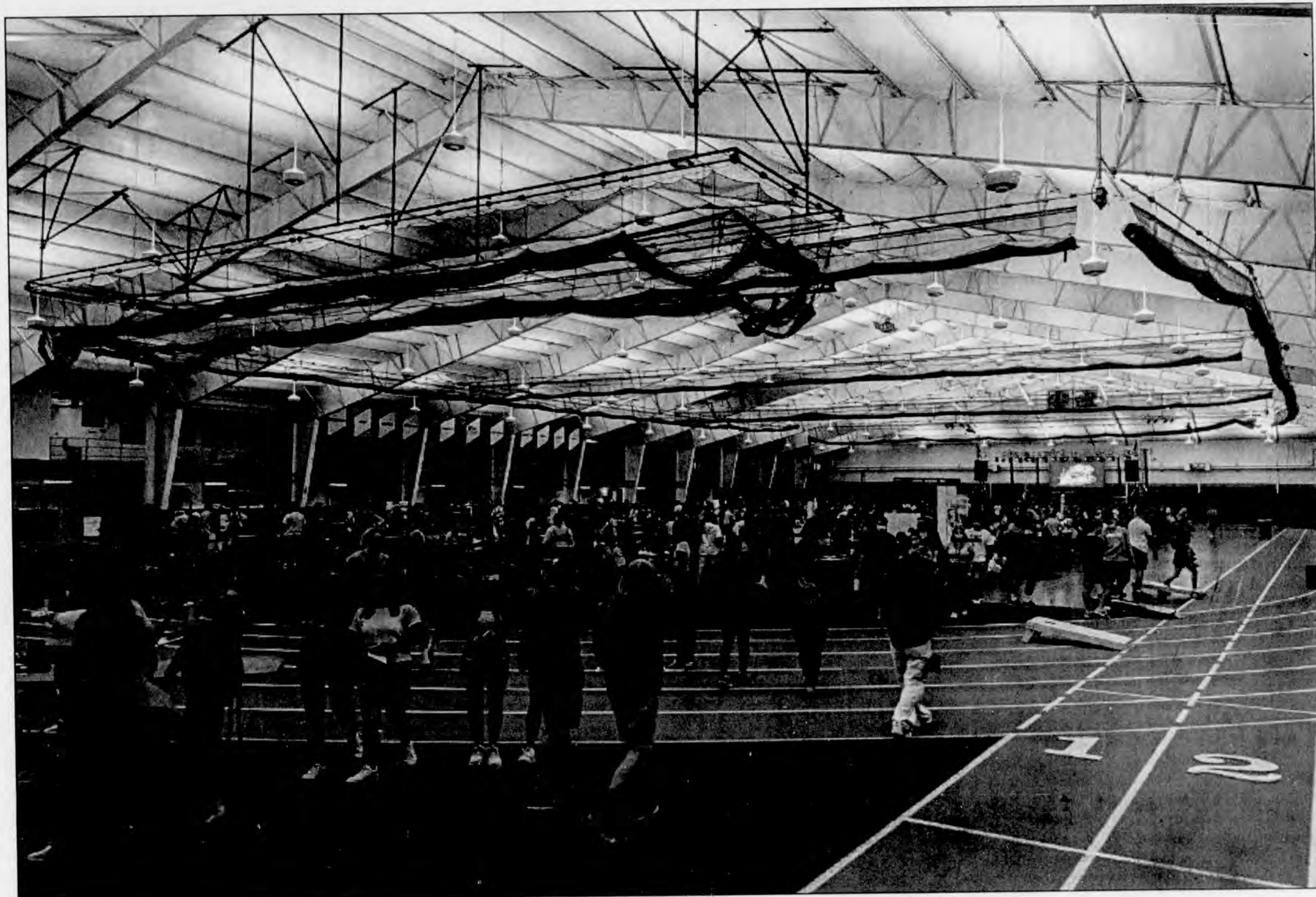
"It was cool. I liked the diversity of the different clubs," Stanley Gai '25 said.

The planning for the Bison Refresh event started in late spring of this year. After living with COVID, the CAP Center, along with the Division of Student Affairs, Public Safety, Facilities, Dining Services and the Office of Events Management, wanted to create an exciting first weekend back where students could connect with other students.

The CAP Center has a host of events planned for this semester including Bingo Blingo which will be held on Aug. 3.



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Alleged assault of Bucknell Student leaves University, LGBTQ+ community shaken

July 27, 2021

Just one day after the closure of an investigation into a May attack on "Fran's House," the campus's LGBTQ+ affinity house, the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department have opened a new investigation into an assault on a transgender Bucknell student. 23-year-old political science student Dylan Rogers alleges that she was attacked by six men in the early hours of July 10th, while returning home from a downtown Lewisburg bar. The assault, which left Rogers with a concussion and various bruises, is being investigated as a potential hate crime by the BVRPD.

About a week after the attack, Rogers spoke with The Bucknellian over Zoom. Reassuring us that she was "stirred, but not shaken and not broken," Rogers states that, after being sucker-punched on her left temple, she then was "surrounded" and "punched and grabbed on all sides" by her assailants.

"Someone hits me in the back of the head; some people come and break it up," she continued.

After the incident, Rogers received treatment for a concussion at Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg. She then filed a police report with the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department, who told the Sunbury Daily Item last week that they were "looking into the hate crime possibility as we conduct interviews," but qualified that "based on scene state-

ments, that [motivation] was not indicated." The Department later confirmed to The Bucknellian that, while an investigation is currently open, "there has been no criminal complaint or other arrest filed with the District Judge related to this case." According to a July 10 call for service, three students are listed as witnesses to the incident.

In response to request for comment, University Director of Media Relations Mike Ferlazzo noted that "Bucknell has received a report of the off-campus incident and is working with the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department on the active investigation." "We take matters of student safety very seriously," he continued, "but in view of the active criminal investigation, we have no further comment at this time."

This alleged assault came two months after a large group of students allegedly associated with the banned fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) attempted to enter "Fran's House," the University's LGBTQ+ affinity house. Before their removal from campus, TKE had occupied the building now used by Fran's residents. In a July 12 email to the campus community, University President John Bravman stated that a subsequent investigation into the incident "found no evidence that the students outside of Fran's House on May 13 were motivated by bias against the residents and their affinity as an LGBTQ+

community." In the same email, the President pledged to establish Tower House as the permanent home for the LGBTQ+ community on campus, now officially titled "Fran's House."

Alexander Greenawald '23, resident advisor for Fran's House for the upcoming 2021-22 school year, remarked that "[w]hile I am glad about the establishment of Fran's House as a permanent residence [for the LGBTQ+ community at Bucknell], it is only the beginning of addressing the ongoing campus climate and the underlying roots of this problem. Even before the incident in May, many students have reported feeling uncomfortable and unsafe on campus and the surrounding area."

"The conclusion of the investigation has left people feeling even more insecure about where they fit on campus and worried about future incidents," he continued, observing that "Bucknell should be a space for everyone to feel safe and pursue their futures and their education, and having students afraid to walk down the street or even leave their house for fear of harassment or attack is not conducive to that goal."

Rogers, who has previously been involved in LGBTQ+ and disability activism, told us that her incident combined with that at Fran's House is part of a larger pattern. She said, "Though these two [incidents] received large amounts of attention both in our commu-

nity and externally, things like this happen every day to students, ranging from [Bucknell's 25-33%] higher than the national average sexual assault rate, to all the assaults that go unreported on our campus."

In 2020, the Association of American Universities shared the results of their nationwide Campus Climate Survey, reporting that among "undergraduate students, 26.4% of females and 6.8% of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation." Independent surveys by the University's Sexual Assault Research Team recorded a 2020-21 victimization rate of 38.6% for women and 17.2% for men, including "[nonconsensual] contact, attempted rape, or rape by coercion or assault." That figure for "rape or attempted rape" was 21.4 and 6.9 percent for women and men, respectively. They also reported that University LGBTQIA+ students were over 40% more likely to indicate a sexual assault than their heterosexual peers.

"It's kind of hard to take conversations about addressing these issues [of assault and discrimination] seriously when, in the two or three years I've been here, I've seen three or four fraternities kicked off [campus]," she continued. "I'm certainly not trying to attack any individuals within these organizations, but more pointing to a systemic issue here."

Greenawald appeared to concur with Rogers' analy-

sis, describing that "[t]he campus climate that led to these events taking place, especially in regards to the relationship between Greek Life and the rest of Bucknell's campus, is unacceptable, and we need to make sure that there are movements to hold people responsible for their actions and for better education on the issues of diversity and inclusion on campus moving forward."

"I hope that at least one good thing to come out of this is some real change to the fraternity system, if not its abolishment as a whole, which is where I would lean towards," Rogers said.

Greek life has long been a source of contention among members of the campus community — one notable incident occurred in 2019, when a group of students dropped a banner during an Admitted Student Open House, listing a panoply of fraternities as the "Best Place for Party" [sic] alongside a more stark secondary caption—"Best Place] to Get RAPED: Fraternities." Additionally, after May's incident at Fran's House, a group of TKE alumni penned an open letter supporting "work against the culture of 'toxic masculinity' on campus," while urging the administration to commit to "the structural and cultural changes needed to make this happen."

When asked about the response to the incident from the University community at large, however, Rogers spoke in effusive

terms. "When the news of the event broke, I was getting reached out to left and right; everyone was extremely supportive," she noted. While stressing the significance of her identity to the attack, Rogers also cautioned against reducing stories like hers to statistics. "One of the things that often gets lost in these stories is the individual. It becomes so much of, you know, 'PoC Trans Girl Attacked,' and no one ever actually talks about who that trans girl is," Rogers said. Reporting around these events "often becomes about the violence we [transgender people and people of color] experience, when I believe our accomplishments outweigh that much more."

For her part, Rogers plans to continue her research in the computer science department with Professor Darakhshan Mir, and "hopefully get a paper published" before submitting applications to PhD programs in the same field. She also expressed a desire to serve in the domestic civil society program AmeriCorps, noting that the attack has "reaffirmed what I want to do" and that her "level of empathy" with assault victims "will lend well towards the kind of intervention work that is often done by programs like AmeriCorps."

"Call me a silver-linings girl," she conceded. "I always try and take the bad things that I've gone through and turn them into good."

Independent investigation of May 13th Fran's House incident concludes; Tower House now permanent home of LGBTQ+ affinity

July 14, 2021

Two months after a large group of students allegedly associated with the former Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity attempted to enter the University's dedicated LGBTQ+ affinity housing, a University-commissioned independent investigation into the matter has closed, according to a July 12 email to the student body. Despite acknowledging that the students' behavior "clearly damaged the sense of safety and belonging for the residents of Fran's House," President Bravman relayed that the investigatory firm found "no evidence that the students [...] were motivated by bias

against the residents and their affinity as an LGBTQ+ community."

In the same email, Bravman noted that Tower House has now been established as "the permanent campus affinity house for LGBTQ+ students and their allies," and will be renamed "Fran's House." The move marks a departure from the University's previous policy of assigning housing accommodations, requiring affinity leaders like those of Fran's to fill a certain number of slots in order to keep their previous accommodations. Additionally, Bravman noted that "important and frank discussions" led by Provost Elisabeth Mermann-

Jozwiak are slated for the near future, intended at "making long-overdue, systemic changes." The email shared neither the nature nor timeline of those discussions with the student body.

The investigation was originally announced on May 20, less than a week following the incident at Fran's House. According to Public Safety logs, nearly twenty students were reported for disorderly conduct just after 8 p.m. on the evening of the 13th. Residential Advisor Tyler Luong, who was in the house throughout the duration of the incident, described the group as "bang[ing] against our doors and windows,

swing[ing] a metal bar at our flag pole that displays our pride flag," as well as "urin[at]ing on our front porch." When Public Safety officers arrived on scene, they allegedly fraternized openly with the brothers, "laugh[ing] at the situation" and promised that the students would "get access to [Fran's House] when finals week was over, shaking each and every one of their hands."

The incident drew immediate and broad condemnation from across the Bucknell community after Fran's House residents shared their accounts on social media. Notably, a campus march organized by faculty

and students in support of Fran's House drew a half-mile deep crowd on May 15th, just two days after the incident. Protesters identified a "culture of toxic masculinity" as a key enabler of the incident, and criticized Public Safety's actions with call-response chants like "P-Safe! (Isn't Safe!)"

Regarding both the incident itself and subsequent response by Public Safety, Bravman noted that "Details regarding the individual consequences for [those involved] will not be shared per University policy." The President is likely referring to the University's obligations under the 1974 Family

Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), which according to the Student Handbook "limits the information that the University can share with third parties, including parents," from student educational records. While the Bucknellian was unable to identify any similar statute governing disclosure of Public Safety disciplinary information, Director of Communications Mike Ferlazzo noted that "Bucknell does not discuss personnel matters," including those concerning campus security. The Bucknellian will continue to provide coverage on this story as new information becomes available.



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Shocking! Activities Fair Less Interesting Than Super Saturday

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In what appeared to be a wildly successful attempt to completely extinguish student involvement in campus activities, the University planned the Activities Fair on the same day as the infamous first Super Saturday of the semester. Instead of putting on a nice outfit and mingling with new-found colleagues and acquaintances, first-year students were encouraged instead to engage in a riveting conversation with every club President who could not believe they were forced to attend just to collect a sign-up sheet with mostly invalid email addresses.

While the event was largely received with shock and disappointment for those who aimed to attend, campus administrator, Otto Touch, was a huge proponent of holding the singular chance to engage students in the larger campus community on this particular date and time. "We, as faculty and staff, can see what the students want," boasted Touch. "Every Thursday, I see students heading to class with an attitude of complete exhaustion. They are tired of 'going out,' and I am excited to give them another option, if only for a day."

Upon further research, some students were tactical

and calculated in their decision to forgo an invitation to explore the smorgasbord of clubs of which they would have the chance to attend a singular meeting before requesting their removal from the email chain. One student in particular, Rea Listic, really resonated with reporters. "I really feel like now is the time I need to get my priorities straight, you know? Like, if I plan to rush a top tier frat in a year, the connections start now, and putting myself out there at Super is the best way to do that," Listic said.

To quite literally no one's surprise, a total of 48 students attended the fair, including those running the organization booths. Some clubs were even so desperate to fill a single spot on their sign-up sheet that they opted to move their booth to the corner of St. Catherine Street and 7th Street to take advantage of the increased foot traffic in that region.

While some may say this incident was a fluke, expert club analysts warn that this could be the beginning of the end for many campus organizations. To mitigate the potential of a downward spiral, they are strongly advising the University to change their current plan of holding the 2022 Activities Fair on the first Friday of the semester at 9:30 p.m.

Boys vs. Girls: Move-In Edition

Sarah Petnuch
Staff Writer

It's everyone's favorite part of the year again: college move-in. During a fun yet stressful weekend, you're forced to pack up all your belongings and fit them into a tiny room about the size of a jail cell. It really does give you borderline claustrophobia. Between trying to find a place for all your things and aggressively scrubbing every square inch of your mattress with a bleach wipe (this is a crucial step - who knows what happened on that bed in semesters past), the move-in process makes for an exhausting day.

The part that makes it all worth it, however, is the decorations. After weeks of collaborating with roommates trying to decide what décor to buy to curate the perfect -vibe-, it is finally time to put the plan into action. This is where girls and boys are different.

When you walk into a girl's apartment, the color pink immediately encapsulates your entire body, completely blinding you. The walls are covered in (obviously) aesthetically pleasing posters and there is a tapestry on the wall with either the phrase "Welcome to the Sh!t Show," "I Don't Care," or "Saturdays are for The Girls." It's always one of those three. Baddie energy only, of course. Fairy lights line the ceiling and the table in the corner has been carefully hand painted to match the aforementioned vibe.

The apartment is bright, exciting, and while mildly overbearing it looks like nothing but great times will happen here.

A boy's apartment is a bit of a different experience. The first thing you notice is an entire bed frame and mattress propped up against the wall in the living area. No one knows where it came from, and certainly no one is going to do anything about it. It will become next year's resident's problem.

There is nothing in the kitchen except some empty gallon-sized water bottles and a container of pre-workout powder. The only light source in the entire room is the atrocious ceiling light that makes you feel like you're in an insane asylum. Boys tend to make up for it with the harsh glow of multicolored LED lights in their room. However, the fact that they have only a fitted sheet and one measly blanket knocks them back down a few points. The space provides more of a laid back feel than the girl's apartment, and may not be quite as well planned, but it's certain that energy is still there.

While the state of each apartment is bound to change with the ebbs and flows of the school year, everyone's best bet is to try to keep it relatively clean, keep the doors locked (you never know who could wander in), and most importantly, as my RA once said, "try not to burn the place down."

Recent Poll finds College Friendships Dropped by 20% Following Relaxed Masking Policies

Maximus Bean
Senior Writer

With the new semester off to an encouraging start, students are now allowed to remove their masks when they are outdoors. While this new rule does not apply to indoor spaces regardless of vaccination status, our local statistician has discovered something interesting regarding a connection between this policy and college friendships; according to a recent poll, friendships have dropped a staggering 20 percent! While this is already apparent, judging by the title of this piece, I have nevertheless decided to investigate and find out why this is occurring. I started by asking around on campus, but nobody recognized me because they weren't used to seeing my nose and mouth. Of course, the other possibility is that they didn't recognize me because they didn't know who I was, but that's ridiculous. I am a perfectly respectable journalist, and nobody can tell me otherwise.

Some guy came up to me as I was valiantly trying to find the truth on this matter, and I didn't know who this person was. So, naturally, I just kinda faked it until I made it (like with most people). However, that conversation, though short, gave me a realization: what if the reason that all these friendships dropped was that people simply didn't recognize each other! It sounded insane even as I said it, but what hard-hitting news journalist wouldn't pursue the truth? Sure, it's been a whole year since anybody has really seen anyone on campus, but suddenly seeing a whole different face-filled person underneath that oh-so-precious sneeze-stopper? It would be nothing short of a culture shock at this point in the pandemic. After all, is it hard to believe that since we've seen the tops of people's faces for so long, we wouldn't recognize them if we saw the whole picture at once?

To test this theory, I went around campus and

tried asking some people on the street. I asked: "Why do you think friendships have dropped 20 percent after the decrease in mask usage?" After recovering from the pepper spray and the numerous rocks thrown at me, one person came up to answer my question.

Anne Neesia replied, "Uh, who are you and why are you talking to me?--Oh yeah! Sorry, I didn't recognize you without your mask." Anne said that she relied solely on the patterns on people's masks to recognize them. "Cow mask? That's Jamie. Flowers? Sally. Grass-Green? That's Prof. Tautman! Those blue medical masks? Well there's Christine, Guiseppe, Sam, Billiam, Anastasia, Mike..." As she went on with her long list of friends (or at least the ones she remembered), I couldn't help but wonder at how many other people differentiated their friends this way. As someone who generally remembers faces more than names, it seemed truly bizarre to me. However, I

suppose when you only got to know the top half of a new friend's face, you had to compensate for it with something.

Thus, in short, my hypothesis was proven correct. Although some critics (colloquially known as "squares") may disagree by saying the sample size was too small, I will counter by justifying that my position was correct the entire time and technically my stance has complete unilateral support from all parties involved, those two parties being me and the person I interviewed and me. Since it was unilateral, it essentially means the same thing as everyone agreeing! So if everyone agrees with it, it must be right! It would be foolish to assume the outcome would have been any different had I asked a larger sample. In conclusion, friendships are for the people who know your face, and people who disagree with you are silly and dumb. Hard-hitting journalism for the win!

Socially Unaware Political Science Student Has to Pretend They Read the News

Maximus Bean
Senior Writer

Dear Editor,

I need to write a paper on political events in my Poli-Sci class, but I've been really short on the news lately. I totally read it! But like, I don't really get it, y'know? Just let me know if this all sounds right to you, I guess...

Ida Whatersname is heading down to New Orleans sometime, probably for Mardi Gras. That's coming up quick, isn't it? I thought it was in, like, February or something. It turns out, like, during Mardi Gras, you can just sleep at the bars and get drinks in the morning - isn't that wild?

I've also read that over at the disease place all those disease people are talking about a new Delta variant, Delta Plus. It's gonna be way worse than everything else. We gotta distance twelve feet now because it's way more contagious. Keep those droplets out.

Keep! Out! Those! Droplets! This means that the raves and mosh pits are a big no-no. Not good at all. Just look at my man Josh here, he's all sweaty and stuff from going out last Friday. Apparently, 17 people passed out from heatstroke this weekend. I can't wait for next week's concert!

Now, I just gotta get serious for a sec because there's a lot of bad stuff going on right now. Lots of awful stuff, and I'm against all the bad stuff. I'm so against it I'm writing against it right now. I am here to say: people, stop doing bad things. Stop bringing your cows to McDonald's, people. Society has gone too much into the bad section of stuff. Bring society back. Cows are not pets. They're vehicles at most.

I miss California cantaloupes. Cantaloupes taste good. Right, guys? They're orange and happy, kind of like what I want to be, minus the orange part.

Another big story is that we have a booster shot in eight

months. I can't really joke about that, otherwise I'll get my comedy license revoked. Same thing with Afghanistan. Nothing funny there.

It's at this point that I am forced to think about life. What is comedy? What is news? My cereal has been taken over by the ants. Is that news? How much do I need to know to impress my friends and prove I know things? Sure I'm a Political Science major, but that doesn't mean I need to actually pay attention, does it? I'll just mimic what everyone else thinks. It's not a big deal. Sure, something bad happened somewhere, but how does that affect me? It doesn't, not really. Sure my folks are really steamed about tuition going up. You could ask why that is and look around to find out, but why do that? It doesn't affect my immediate reality, so I think I'll be fine. Gas is so expensive! Why? Sure, I can't afford it, so I'll just avoid the gas station. I think I'll just take my bike more. Lumber prices shot up! I don't know why in

the slightest. What do I use lumber for anyway? Isn't that just fancy wood? I can just dismantle the old treehouse in my backyard. Sure, that stuff is weird-looking and rotted, but is that any worse than paying a fortune for actual wood? Beats me, man. Just let me get my homework done and some grub and I'm right as rain.

I definitely read the news though, like, I usually read it. Totally. I just had to skim it a little for this article. Then I thought, you know, even if I'm going for that major, do I really want to know what's going on? I don't know, man. I'm not saying to stop reading news, because it's like, really important. Buy the Bucknellian. But beyond that, who needs to break the Bucknell Bubble anyways?

All Sincerity,

Joseph Student

Students Helplessly Try to Figure Out the Meaning of FDOC

Bridgette Simpson
Satire Co-Editor

It is late August at the University, and classes have not yet begun again. Summer seemed to fly by, but students are thankful to be back on campus and to not be watching their professor on a screen (which feels EXTREMELY optional to tune into).

However, as there always seems to be this time of year, the chaos of classes starting again has struck some first-year students with a severe, mind-bending, sleep-depriving problem: what the hell does FDOC mean?

First-years all across campus are struggling with this difficult riddle, and some are even using it as a procrastination

technique in order to dodge their other responsibilities like yelling to each other in the library and getting lost on the way to class.

"I literally can't figure out what it means, and I'm way too nervous to ask someone what it means in case I'm the only one who doesn't understand it. Is it an acronym? Does it signify something that we haven't yet earned the privilege of figuring out? Was there a rite of passage that happened at Convocation that I missed? That was kind of culty... maybe I should've paid more attention? I am big stressed," Brian Teaser '25 said.

Other first-years echoed Teaser's sentiments, revealing he is, in fact, not the only one unaware of the meaning of this strange phrase.

"I thought maybe one of my professors would know, so I introduced myself to my Philosophy professor and promptly asked him about what he thought it could be," Connie Descending '25 said. "He and I puzzled over it for the duration of the 30 minute break between classes and he had some good, but likely inaccurate theories... now I am just weirdly close with my Philosophy professor. He actually invited me to his family barbecue this weekend. All on the first day of classes!"

Situational irony aside, someone living in one of the downtown houses took it upon themselves to halt the madness this originally innocent and annually-used phrase wrought upon the University and those who attend it by painting and

hanging a large sheet on the front porch, which read "HAPPY FIRST DAY OF CLASS-ES!" He even took the liberty of underlining (in heavy brushstrokes) the F, D, O and C.

"I think the University just needed a hero today, and I wanted to fill that position. The University has provided me with countless opportunities and I wanted to give back to the community by showing the first years that someone is always there for them."

When the upperclassman (who requested to remain anonymous) was prompted about the origin of the aforementioned sheet he used to cure the madness that had ensued, he simply replied, "My mom gave me an extra sheet, so I put it to good use."

Confetti Head Returns

What is confetti head?

Anna Denelsky
Senior Writer

Established in 2018 by a group of students in The Writing World, a course taught by Professor Joe Scapellato promoting literary citizenship, confetti head is the University's premier undergraduate online literary magazine. The magazine, which publishes student fiction, poetry, nonfiction, and visual art, serves as a platform to further cultivate a creative community on campus and represent diverse voices.

Editor-in-Chief Nicole Yeager '22 joined during her sophomore year and took over leadership her junior year as the only member left. She has worked to revive and rebrand the magazine and ultimately has been successful over the past year; with an entirely new masthead, confetti head has published its largest issue to date. Yeager expresses her optimism for the future of the magazine, "I have really big hopes for confetti

head going forward! I cannot wait to continue to grow the status confetti head has on campus and continue to publish amazing issues."

Yeager is in charge of planning and leading meetings, heading up communication, and promoting submissions; she also has the final say at editorial meetings. The Head Editors—Sabrina Barner '23, Tabitha Chilton '22, Josh Holm '22, Tierra Jones '22, Shelby May '23, Hailey Robinson

'22, Michael Smith '22—also contribute to editorial meetings and help review submissions. Olivia Scotti '22 works as PR and Marketing Manager.

Chilton talks about her experience as a Head Editor, "It's a lot of fun to discuss student writing with other students on campus who also care about writing. It's a great part of the literary community on campus and a great opportunity to submit work and get published!"



What are the guidelines for submissions?

The magazine releases an issue once a semester, and accepted submissions will be published in the issue of the semester in which they were submitted. Submissions are accepted anytime up until the last two weeks of the semester. According to Yeager, students can submit once for all of

the magazine's sections: poetry, fiction, nonfiction, and visual art. Students may also submit up to three poems, a maximum of 2,500 words for fiction and nonfiction, and up to five pieces for visual art. Issues do not have themes in an effort to represent as many voices as possible—"I guess, in

a way, you could say the theme of each issue is the creative minds of Bucknell students!" Yeager said. All types of work and styles are encouraged.

"Going forward, we plan to stick to publishing issues once a semester," Yeager said. "Obviously, since we are entirely stu-

dent-run, this might fluctuate over time depending on what the masthead looks like—but that is the plan for now!"

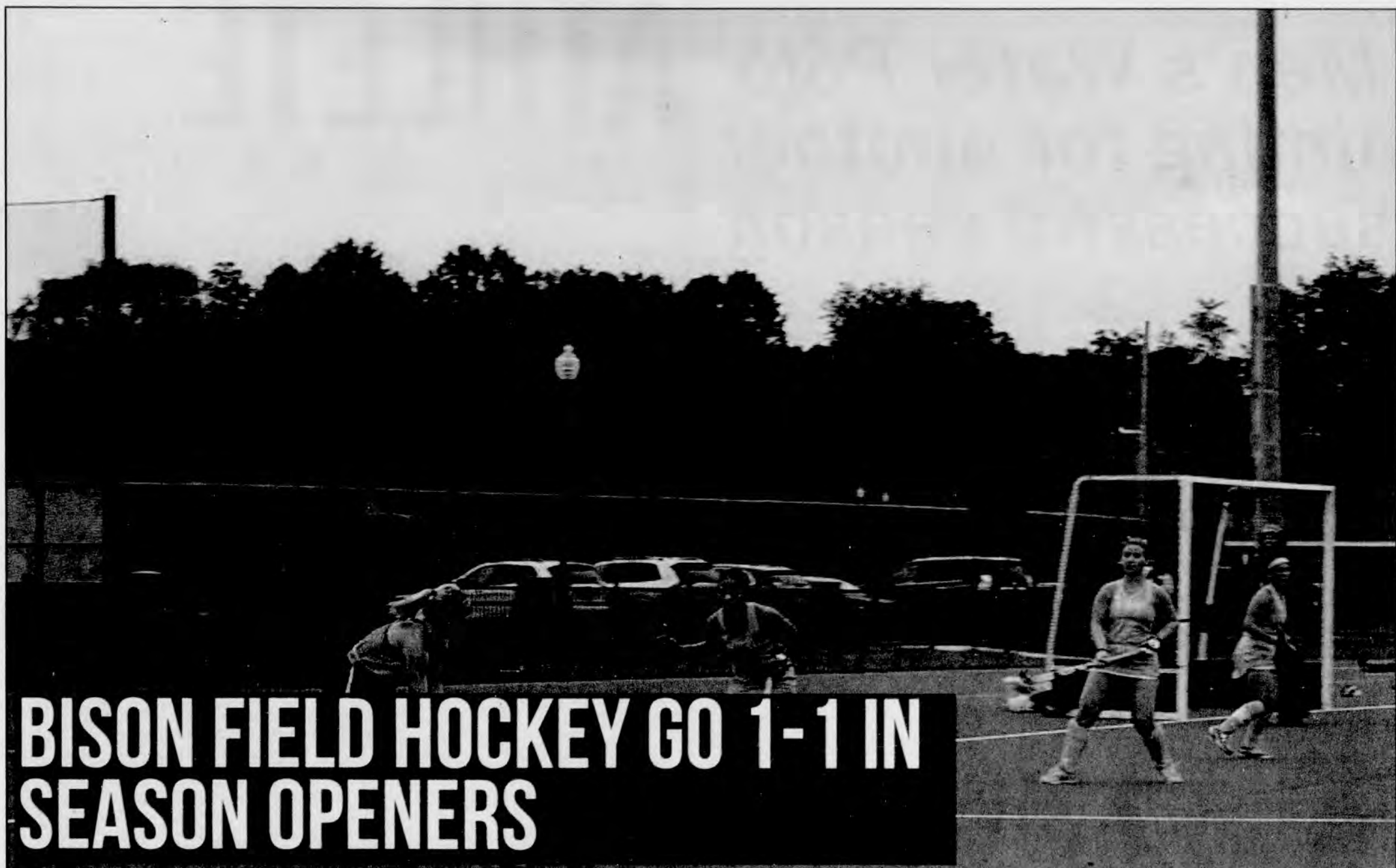
Past issues and more information about submissions can be found on confetti head's website: <http://confettihead.blogs.bucknell.edu/about-us/>

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BISON FIELD HOCKEY GO 1-1 IN SEASON OPENERS

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Women's Field Hockey

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOFTBALL

VS COLGATE ON MAY 7 AT 2 PM AND 4 PM

VS COLGATE ON MAY 8 AT 1 PM AND 3 PM

BASEBALL

VS LAFAYETTE ON MAY 8 AT 12 PM AND 3 PM

VS LAFAYETTE ON MAY 9 AT 12 PM AND 3 PM

WOMEN'S ROWING

VS ITHACA ON MAY 8 AT 4 PM

The Bison field hockey team opened their season at home on Graham Field this past weekend with games on Friday and Sunday. On Friday, Aug. 27, the Bison suffered a 3-0 loss to No. 24 ranked James Madison. The team was able to come back Sunday, Aug. 29 to defeat Long Island University (LIU) 2-1 in an exciting overtime match.

The James Madison Dukes scored early in the game, putting them ahead of the Bison by two goals only nine minutes into the match. Despite initial adversity,

the rest of the game proved to be a competitive one, with the Orange and the Blue keeping up with the No. 24 ranked team.

The Bison went down by 3 in the third quarter, and proceeded to hold the Dukes until the end of the game, with a solid effort from Clara McCormick '23 in goal with six saves. Although none of their attempts resulted in a goal, the Bison were able to outshoot James Madison towards the final minutes of the game. Gugulethu Sibanda '24 and M.K. Stefanowicz '22 led

the team in shots with two a piece.

"Our games this weekend were really about developing our team," McCormick said. "JMU is a skillful team, so we took it upon ourselves to learn from their strengths."

The Bison bounced back on Sunday in a hard battle against LIU. After going down 1-0 in the third quarter, the Orange and the Blue did not hang their heads and quit. In a strong show of determination from the Orange and Blue, Lily Neilson '24 scored the

game tying goal with just 12 seconds left in the fourth quarter to bring the Bison into overtime.

Stefanowicz was able to score the game winning goal only 58 seconds into overtime off a penalty corner, awarding the Bison their first win of the season and bringing the team record to 1-1. The goal was helped on by both Kayla Kisthardt '23 and Erin Zielinski '22.

"We were super excited to start the new season coming off of our Patriot League win!" Zielinski said following their win

against LIU. "We played two teams this weekend that tested our team in different ways, both physically and mentally. Though we learned a ton, we still have a ton of work to do. We're looking forward to testing our progress again this weekend!"

The Bison are on the road at Villanova this upcoming Friday to face off with the Wildcats. The game takes place at 6 p.m. on Sept. 3, so, we still have a ton of work to do! We're looking forward to testing our progress again this weekend!"

Bison Cross Country hungry for success this season

Logan Kinajil-Moran
Contributing Writer

The Bison cross country teams are poised and ready for successful fall seasons. The women's cross country team is looking to maintain and improve on previous success in the Patriot League and NCAA Championships, while the men's cross country team is looking to beat the odds. For both teams, this season will definitely be one to watch.

Both the men's and women's cross country teams have been preparing intensely for the upcoming season. With senior captain Brendon O'Toole describing a "very special feeling" for this season, we can expect a lot of surprises and success. The Orange and Blue begin their season at the Bison Open on Sept. 4.

The women's team boasted a close third in the Patriot League championships last year. They also had some incredible individual performances, with two second team All-Patriot League

honorees, one first team All-Patriot League honoree and Ashlyn Ramos '22 winning the individual title at the Patriot League Championships and competing at the NCAA Cross Country Championships. With these runners all returning for the fall season as well as a star-studded freshman class, the team, known for its dominance in the Patriot League, is expecting yet more success and trophies this season.

"This year, we are thankful to be able to practice as a team and travel to meets with minimal COVID restrictions. We return seven out of eight runners from last spring's Patriot League lineup, and we are excited to see what we can do this season." Emily Deschler '22 said. "Our team has an excellent work ethic, and with our positive energy and motivation," she continued, "we are aiming to be a team to reckon with on the league, regional and national levels."

The men's team, which

is welcoming 12 new first-years and a collectively strong team that "will each contribute at different times," is looking to beat the odds. As underdogs this season, they have already begun to fight to produce surprises and success with an especially close-knit team described by O'Toole as a "great family."

"We have a great mix of experience and young legs, and the team is incredibly motivated. Everyone is putting the work in," O'Toole explained. "This group of guys has such great potential and in working hard each and everyday next to each other, I think everyone is starting to realize what we could be capable of."

With the women's team ready to dominate and achieve further success, and the men's team looking to make waves for the Orange and Blue, this new season is sure to deliver a compelling story to tell come the end of the season.

Hannah Stuck
Contributing Writer

The Bison Men's soccer team went 0-2 in North Carolina this past Friday and Sunday. Unfortunately, the Orange and Blue lost 7-0 to No. 4 University of North Carolina in their Friday night game and 2-0 to No. 7 Wake Forest on Sunday.

The Tarheels outshot the Bison 24-2 throughout the game. Captain MJ Kuczura '24 led the Bison's backline through this challenging weekend.

"I think playing these two teams is going to help us be successful when it is time to start Patriot League play," Kuczura said. "Every game we keep getting better and it was a fantastic experience to compete with teams at this high level."

Kuczura proved to be a key player throughout his first-year campaign, and has also started every game in his sophomore year so far.

Goalkeepers Aiden Perry '22 and Bennett Schwartz '23 split the game in net, with the duo making a combination of 12 saves throughout the match.

In the Orange and Blue's second game of the weekend, the Bison held Wake Forest to only two goals throughout the

match.

Three first-years started in the match in Winston-Salem: Aidan Lawlor '25, Gabe Dahlin '25, and Jack Roberto '25, all playing a big role in the Orange and Blue's defensive unit.

Goalkeeper Schwartz played the entire game in net, only allowing one goal per half, making great saves to keep the Orange and Blue in a close match.

The Deacons scored both in the ninth minute and the 51st minute to claim victory over the Bison. Schwartz had a career high of eight saves in this match, being a key player in keeping the Orange and Blue in a close match.

Sebastian Paz '24 started at the forward position, leading the Bison in the attack against the Deacons. "Wake Forest was a really good opponent to play against, and I can see the improvement from our first game to this game. I think our team has learned a lot on how to defend and attack against players of this caliber" Paz said. "We are looking to show resilience and bounce back in our upcoming games."

The Orange and Blue next travel to St. Peter's this upcoming weekend to face the Peacocks. The game is scheduled to take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 4.

Men's Water Polo aiming for another successful season

Justin Schaumberger
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison men's water polo team is aiming for a repeat of last season's success. The Orange and Blue made it all the way to the NCAA Championships where they fell to runner-up USC and also won their second straight MAWPC title.

Despite losing some key members, the Bison are bringing back a strong core of players as they vvy for their third straight MAWPC title. Donuk Ozar '24 will look to build on a strong first season in which he was named MAWPC Player of the

Year, Rookie of the Year, and benign named to the Honorable Mention ACWPC All-American team. Also returning is standout goalkeeper Adrien Touzot '23 who was named to the MAWPC first team and was the MAWPC player of the tournament last season. Up front, the Bison will lean on Andu Vlasceanu '23 who has 76 career goals.

The Bison are welcoming in a freshman class consisting of 5 new members. Mason Maclear '25, JC Pompa '25, Shay Gillearn '25, Hasan Mogultay '25, and Jack Bruce '25 come from 3 different states and Turkey. They will look to contribute early to

the Orange and Blue's success.

When asked if they had any particular games circled on their calendars, Touzot stated, "As a team we're definitely looking forward to playing Cal especially in our first weekend because it sets us up for what to expect when we travel to California. We also have played USC two years in row in the NCAA tournament so it will be nice to see another team from the West"

The season begins Sept. 4 as the Bison travel to the Navy Open. The Orange and Blue will play Cal and Iona on Saturday and UC Davis and Salem on Sunday.

Big Opening Weekend for Bison Men's & Women's Tennis

Holly Burns
Sportd Co-editor

The Bison men's and women's tennis squads are set to debut this coming weekend in the Bucknell Invitational. The Orange and Blue will face Niagara, Saint Francis (Pa.) and Lafayette in their opening slew of matches.

Coach Bruce Meyers and the team are very excited to return back to a full competition schedule after facing numerous obstacles amidst the pandemic. Senior Ryan Jurist '22 is working to set the tone for the team. Jurist has been an integral part of the squad since his freshman campaign, going 17-12 in singles as a first-year, including 6-2 in the Patriot League. The only senior, Jurist will be an important leader for his teammates.

The junior class is expected to be quite strong for the Orange and Blue, including key players Per As-trom '23, Nick Mueller '23 and Michael Owen '23.

The Bison earned the No. 4 seed in the Patriot League tournament this past spring, and only hope to improve that position as the season progresses.

"I think the team can win the Patriot League," said Jurist. "We have a great group of freshmen, a great transfer, and some knowledgeable returners. We have a great combination of experience and talent."

On the women's side, senior captain Daniela Bellini '22 is expected to be a strong force for the Orange and Blue. Bellini is a two-time All-Patriot League selection, and holds a 34-15 singles record, and a 33-20

doubles record.

Juniors Dax Seidlin '23 and Chloe Zilkha '23 are also prepared to make major contributions to the team this coming season. Seidlin was incredibly impactful during her freshman season, and hopes to continue to string together some strong performances.

Bison sophomores Tyne Miller '24, Kate Novak '24 and Laurel Uterback combined for 10 singles victories during their freshman season, and are looking forward to being back. Freshman and sophomores are both going to experience their first full seasons as Bison, and are eager to get out the court and compete.

Check out Bison men's and women's tennis back in action this weekend on their home turf!

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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JENNA HALL '24 WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

PROFILE

HOMETOWN: SOUTHTON, CONN

HIGH SCHOOL: MISS PORTER'S SCHOOL

Clara McCormick
Senior Writer

The Bison Women's Soccer Team has had some very close games recently despite having a difficult schedule. Jenna Hall '24 has been a big contributor to their successes. Hall, who was selected as Patriot Goalkeeper of the Week last week, has managed to keep most of the balls out of the net. In the week where she received the award, she had both a shutout against Youngstown State and a whopping nine saves that resulted in a tie against Towson. The following week, the keeper was strong as well, holding No. 12 West Virginia to only three goals.

Hall spoke on the competitive contest. "I think the team came out very strong against West Virginia and proved to ourselves that we can compete at the highest level. Even though we lost, we had a lot of positive moments to be proud of."

Following the strong West Virginia game, however, the Bison suffered a close

loss to Monmouth. Hall made six saves in the contest where the Hawks had a 16-9 shot advantage.

"Following a tiring overnight trip to Monmouth, the team had tired legs and came out very sluggish from the start. Going down 2-0 was not the best start, but it was amazing to see everyone step it up in the second half and score two goals."

Last season, which took place in the spring of 2021, Hall proved herself a quality netminder as she played in all five games of the season. Three of the matches were shared shutouts with Kaylee Donnelly '24. The then-rookie was selected as both Patriot League Goalkeeper and Rookie of the week on March 9 after not allowing Lafayette to score a single goal despite having to make 10 saves. She finished the season with a .958 save percentage and contributed to the Bison having a 0.34 goals against average, which was the best in the league.

The sophomore is looking forward to the season progressing, and has high

hopes for her now developing team.

"I am very excited about our upcoming games and Patriot League play. I feel that we have a lot to prove to our opponents and are here to compete for a championship."

This upcoming week, Hall will lead her team in matches against Mount Saint Mary's and Columbia.

CAREER STATS

9 GAMES PLAYED
4 GAMES STARTED
45 SAVES
1 SHUTOUT
85% SAVE PERCENTAGE
1 ASSIST

Women's Soccer Comes Up Short In Tough Weekend

Volleyball Opens 2021 Season

Laurel McHale
Staff Writer

The Bison traveled to Dover, Delaware to compete in the Delaware State Invitational this past weekend. Their season opening match ended in a 3-2 victory over St. Francis Brooklyn.

Junior outside hitter Lisa Zoch '23 posted a career-high 21 kills with a .415 hitting percentage to help the Bison collect wins in the second, third and fifth sets to defeat the Terriers. Catherine Jamison '24 and Libby Nieporte '24 also registered career highs in kills with 16 and 12, respectively. The Bison held a hitting percentage of .274 compared to the Terriers .228. The Terriers made a run late to force a fifth set, but the Bison held strong and won the final five of six points in the final frame to earn the victory.

The next match on Saturday, against Delaware State gave the Bison their first loss of the season. The beginning of the match started with the Bison taking a lead of well beyond 25 points. After surrendering the first set, Bucknell jumped out to a 24-19 lead in the second. The Hornets battled back, extending the match. The tables turned in the third match, as the Bison found themselves in a deficit. A kill by Jen Sivak '25 and a service ace by Nieporte helped the Bison to a 6-0 run in order to tie the set. Zoch led the Bison with 13 kills and 12 digs for her second double-double of the season. Jennie Burke '22 posted 7 kills in the loss.

Their final match was against St. Peters, where the Bison finished the weekend off with a 3-0 sweep. The Blue and Orange cruised through a 25-15 in the first

match. The Peacocks kept it close in the second after tying the score 14-14, but the Bison found the strength to extend their lead to 25-14 for the win. Jamison led all Bison with 12 kills and was one of three teammates to record a hitting percentage above .500. Over the course of the match, the Bison posted a .270 hitting percentage, while the Peacocks held an inferior .062.

Senior Vittoria Sottani '22 talked about the team's hard work at the invitational. "We showed tremendous effort and competition last weekend and we can't wait to bring that momentum with us at UPenn."

Zoch and Hardy were named to the All-Tournament Team. The Bison travel to Philadelphia, PA to the Penn Invitational where they will battle University of Pennsylvania, Canisius and Coppin State.

Justin Schaumberger
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison women's soccer team came up just short in a pair of games this weekend. The Orange and Blue lost 3-1 to 12th-ranked West Virginia on Aug. 27 and narrowly lost 3-2 to Monmouth on Aug. 29. The two losses drop the Bison to 1-2-1 on the young season.

The Bison put forth a spirited effort at home against the nationally ranked West Virginia team. Rylee Donaldson '23 gave the Bison the lead in the 35th minute, which was her second goal of the season. The goal came following a huge punt by goalkeeper Jenna Hall '24 to forward Abby Gearhart '24 who then fed Donaldson for the goal. The Orange and Blue didn't lead long as the Mountaineers equalized in the 37th minute. The game

went into halftime tied 1-1, but the Bison looked like they had a very good chance to pull off the upset. Hall played very well in goal making six saves, keeping the Bison in the match. Unfortunately, the Mountaineers managed to score two goals in the second half to claim the 3-1 victory.

Veteran defender Leanne Engemann '23 spoke on the team's effort against the Mountaineers. "We came out really strong against West Virginia and although we are bummed about the result we are motivated to find success when the Patriot League games start."

In their first road game of the season, the Bison also fell 3-2 to undefeated Monmouth. Monmouth got out to an early start, jumping out to a 2-0 lead at halftime.

The Bison managed to cut the lead to one after Claire Mensi '22 converted a penalty kick in the 62nd minute. Monmouth scored five minutes later to restore their two-goal lead on their own penalty kick. The Orange and Blue kept battling up until the final whistle. Kelley Francis '25 scored her first collegiate goal in the 89th minute, but it proved to be too late for the Bison. The goal was assisted by Donaldson. Hall had another strong game in goal making six more saves.

The Bison will continue their five game road trip in the coming week. The Orange and Blue travel to Mount St. Mary's on Sept. 3 and then Columbia on Sept. 5. The games will be taking place at 7 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. respectively.

BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

NCAA Adopts Interim Name, Image, and Likeness Policy

Emily Doyle
Senior Writer

A recent policy change by the NCAA has enabled college athletes to benefit from their name, image, and likeness (NIL). Many college athletes have taken this opportunity and been given sponsorships which has created compensation for third-party endorsements, without school or conference involvement. This legislation was made official on July 1. Since then, successful college athletes have been recognized by many brands; well-known examples include Barstool Sports, Liquid IV, Premier Protein and various energy drink brands.

Supporting the measure is a developed framework of University guidelines, which allow individuals to engage in NIL activities that are consistent with the law of the state where the school is located. Colleges and universities may be a resource for state law questions, and college athletes who attend a school in a state without an NIL law can engage in this type of activity without violating NCAA rules related to name, image and likeness; individuals can use a professional services provider for NIL activities; and student-athletes can report NIL activities consistent with state law or school and

conference requirements to their school. If student-athletes break these guidelines, they could potentially receive consequences that could hurt their relationship with their team at their current school.

Barstool Sports has made a massive investment into this new policy. Adelaide Halverson, a volleyball player at Jacksonville State, was the first ever Barstool Athlete. Barstool Founder Dave Portnoy tweeted in response to the first Barstool Athlete that "Barstool Athletes Inc. is the most Barstool thing ever. No thought put into it. No clue what we were doing. And two hours later

the most powerful student athlete organization in the country. Still no clue what is happening." This student athlete organization started only two months ago and has over 5,000 student-athletes that are sponsored. Barstool Athletes receive free merchandise and recognition for their D1 experience. This organization continues to grow everyday, along with many others.

According to the official language of the NCAA announcement, "under the new arrangement, college athletes will be allowed to engage in activities, including endorsement deals, leveraging social media for

pay, and getting compensated for coaching, making personal appearances and signing autographs." This new arrangement will allow college athletes to have the freedom and choice of profiting from their fame in their own unique ways. With the amount of hours college athletes continue to put into their sport, they are finally being recognized for their hard work and effort.

This new policy has affected many Bison student-athletes. University students have been recognized by many brands, small and big, and have been given the opportunity to create sponsorships. Our very own student-athlete,

Madison Hatcher '22, has been given the opportunity to be a Barstool Athlete. Hatcher expressed her feelings on this experience by stating, "Being a Barstool Athlete is pretty cool! It's all still so new, but we are getting merchandise to promote Barstool! It seems super fun and I can't wait to see what else is in store for being a Barstool Athlete!" Hatcher is not the only Bison athlete that is represented by Barstool, many athletes have been recognized by this opportunity. This policy has heightened the athletic world and continues to shape the everyday experience of a D1 athlete.

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Cuomo is no-mo: New York's first female governor



Sal Iovino
Opinions Co-Editor

Representation in the political sphere matters, especially when that representation occurs in major, public-facing roles. Women have been historically marginalized in politics, especially in positions of power where further opportunities for women can be created. Only 9 of the current 50 U.S. governors are women, and this underrepresentation contributes to a system in which women are consistently passed over as legitimate political candidates in high ranking positions. Times are changing in today's world, however, and Kathy Hochul's ascent to governor of New York is the most recent iteration of the growing trend of female representation in highly influential political areas.

Former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo abandoned his post amid a twofold scandal: both a slew of sexual assault accusations, and deceiving both the state of New York regarding state's death toll during the peak of the Covid-19 pandemic. In short, New York was in desperate need of new leadership. The Cuomo legacy within the New York political sphere has come to the end of its run for now, and the newly-installed Governor Kathy Hochul is providing a new way forward. Hochul provides a breath of fresh air for New Yorkers, and provides a unique perspective and set of goals as the first female governor of the dual national and global epicenter of both cultural and financial influ-

ence. While the exact details of her game plan for New York are still relatively unknown as she settles into her role during her first week, it should be noted that she possesses a strong track record in campaigning for women's rights and opportunities within her district and New York as a whole.

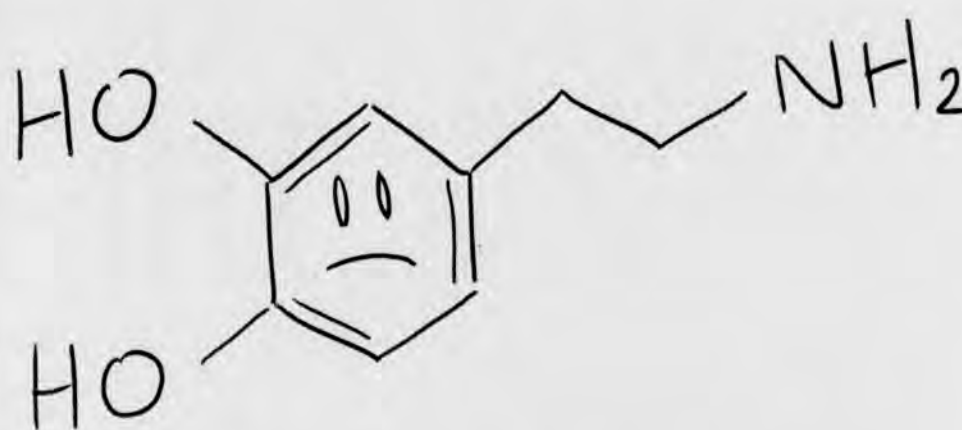
Hochul not only serves as a physical change in terms of taking the seat of governor, but also a social and psychological change for both the people of New York and offices around the country. It is almost too fitting, however, that New York's first female governor is filling the seat of someone accused of heinous abuses of power against female staffers, aides, and interns, and is on record many times making disparaging or uncomfortable comments about women in general. All too many times has a woman taking power been treated as a band-aid for the gash that is misogyny within the U.S. political system. It should not take actions such as Cuomo's for us as a nation to critically analyze our political system and make room for the voices of minority groups such as women.

There is hope for the future, however, as along with state Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Attorney General Letitia James and Chief Judge Janet DiFiore, Hochul is another part of the wave of female leadership taking control in New York. Women coming into positions of political power is not a New York specific trend,

however. Across the nation, rates of women both running for office and their election rates have steadily increased over the past decade, signaling a shift in public opinion of who can be defined as leaders. In 2020, women accounted for 44% of Democratic candidates and 23% of Republican candidates, an 11% and 5% increase over the previous cycle, respectively, boding well for the future of the country.

Providing young women with highly visible figures that look like them is essential to inspiring a generation of young female leaders, and female leadership in the U.S. has proven to be highly beneficial in many ways for all U.S. citizens, but particularly minority groups. Hochul's appointment to the role of the governor of New York is a foundational step in laying the groundwork for a future in which the political arena is not dominated by any one demographic, and a place that is truly representative of all U.S. citizens. Having a government that truly represents the values and perspectives of all people is essential to making progress as a society, and the only way for the U.S. to recover from the civil, political, and economic unrest that the Covid-19 pandemic has bore on all of us. Progress is paramount to the future of the U.S., and as our leaders become more and more representative of us as a nation, we can improve in every way to attain unity in the way that we as members of the U.S. always strive for.

"Nation of Withdrawal"



Emilie Tristano
Contributing Writer

Though dopamine is a tiny molecule, it is the driving force behind the culture of overconsumption seen in today's society. One may say that dopamine is the reason we crave that second piece of cake, another sip of alcohol or another swipe on TikTok. If you have ever felt the need to play your favorite video game another time, or craved a substance such as nicotine or marijuana, you are not alone. Our brains are wired to seek intoxicating and pleasurable experiences, and are genetically geared toward a balance of indulgence and discomfort. In fact, the pleasure and pain responses are located in the same part of the brain, which is why we feel uncomfortable when a rewarding experience has ended, and desire the stimulus once more. Because our biology as humans directs us in a search for satisfaction, we often become dependent on different behaviors or substances to satisfy our biological needs.

Despite the progress occasioned by industrialization and modern technology, the human brain has remained a remarkable constant since the times of our pre-sedentary ancestors. Yet while hunter-gatherers had to make use of the brain to live in a world of scarcity, humans in the 21st century must instead navi-

gate a society of utter excess. Fast-food companies, social media and instant fashion are just a few factors that contribute to overabundance in 2021. While these forces can be incredibly convenient, and are highly efficient at providing humans with everything they could possibly want, they may be more destructive to our society than effective.

As people, we are not meant to live with instant gratification, and the ability to have anything at our fingertips with the click of a button is a dangerous proposition. The skyrocketing rates of addiction in our society suggest that we are not equipped to handle the overwhelming excess that is found in our day to day lives as people. We are so used to having rapid access to everything, that we lose the beautiful ability to spend time and patience doing a task, and even enjoy the luxury of boredom. We have become so good at using our phones, drugs or other behaviors to satisfy our biological needs, that new problems stemming from addiction and overconsumption now plague our society.

One of the largest problems that this society faces is the feeling of withdrawal, the immediate pain response that is associated with particular stimuli. Withdrawal is correlated with feelings of anxiety, irritability and unhappiness, and I believe that we are

living among a withdrawn population of human beings. With repeated use of our favorite pleasures, we become dependent on them, even developing tolerance for them, in which our bodies require more of the substance to get the same effect. This can be explicitly observed in everything from drug addictions to gambling addictions, as we become physically dependent on the things that make us feel good.

The products just mentioned hardly serve any true purpose, but purely encourage further consumption, leading to a devastating loss of creativity and productivity in society as a whole. While it can be useful to have resources readily available when solving problems like poverty or emergency relief, it is important to delay gratification when our bodies are not in a state of crisis. It is time that we take back our lives, and make conscientious efforts to cure the addiction that we all suffer from. It is certainly possible to halt the dopamine feedback loop we are all stuck in—especially following the COVID-19 pandemic, where new addictions were developed as a response to collective psychological and physical pain. If we reset our brains and our bodies to properly handle the world around us, we can instead use this tiny chemical known as dopamine to accomplish incredible things.

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Money grab from the money-grabbing Nirvana baby

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When released in 1991, "Nevermind" by Nirvana climbed the charts to hit number one in the matter of two months—even topping Michael Jackson. Back then, it was selling 300,000 copies a week. Today, it has sold 30 million copies worldwide.

Despite its revolutionary impact on rock, most people recognize the album cover before the music. Pop-culture is littered with the iconic image of the naked baby, in a pool, reaching for a dollar bill. We have all come to recognize and appreciate the art, with the exception of one person: the baby.

Spencer Elden, the man photographed as a four month old for the cover, is now suing the band under an allegation of sexual exploitation. At 30 years old, Elden explains that his parents had never signed a release for the band to use the image; however, his case rests on the nude image constitutes as child pornography. According to him, Nirvana knowingly produced, possessed and advertised commercial child pornography with his image, and they knowingly received value in exchange for doing so.

Personally, he expounds that his "true identity and legal name are forever tied to the commercial sexual exploitation he experienced as a minor" and "has suffered and will continue to suffer lifelong damages," including "extreme and permanent emotional distress." He is asking for damages of \$150,000 from each of the 15 defendants, who include surviving band members Dave Grohl and Krist Novoselic, the managers of Kurt Cobain's estate, Cobain's former wife Courtney Love and photographer Kirk Weddle. Elden is evidently demanding money from anyone remotely connected to Nirvana.

However, the image was not intended for sexual exploitation, which would place it under the umbrella of child pornography. To be clear, child pornography does not describe just any picture with naked minors. It means any visual depiction of "sexually explicit conduct" where the production involves the use of a minor engaging in such conduct; therefore, Elden's claim is rather redundant.

Also, Elden's claim of emotional distress is rather contradictory to past statements and actions. When Elden was 23, he notes that "this story gave me an opportunity to work with Shepard Fairey [...] when

he heard I was the Nirvana baby, he thought that was really cool." Elden's inclusion in the monumental album allowed him to build a reputation and career, which questions his "lifelong damages." Elden also chose to participate in recreation photoshoots for the 10th, 17th, 20th, and 25th anniversaries of the albums release, all of which he was compensated for. Elden has actively deepened his connection to the supposedly harmful "commercial sexual exploitation he experienced as a minor" rather than distancing himself.

His feeling about the cover began to change when "just a few months ago, when I was reaching out to Nirvana to see if they wanted to be part of my art show." The sudden change in demeanor after being denied artistic support makes clear that Elden's only intention is revenge and a lackluster money grab.

Elden's lawsuit is a rather fragile case that can barely stand on its own, let alone against the legal teams of 15 extremely wealthy, famous defendants. Elden should forget his case, and ride the surge in recognition to make a name for himself other than "the baby from the cover of 'Nevermind'."

Big Pharma Bailed Again

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Opinions Co-Editor

Since 1996, Purdue Pharmaceuticals has been a giant within the pharmaceutical industry — the same year the company debuted the now commonly known painkiller oxycontin. As soon as it hit the market, oxycontin was relentlessly marketed nationwide to medical offices everywhere as a newer, more effective version of then-existing painkillers. Purdue drew in \$48 million in revenue from oxycontin's first year of sales; by 2000, that revenue had risen to just under \$1.1 billion. Owing to both its effectiveness and highly addictive attributes, the drug became the painkiller for post-operation pain.

Over the next two decades since its inception, oxycontin was only marketed with increasing intensity towards medical offices. Oxycontin's popularity reached unprecedented levels, and was making more money for the Sackler family, the owners of Purdue Pharmaceuticals, than anyone could have ever imagined — anyone besides the family itself, that is. Oxycontin is a highly addictive substance, yet its early distribution gave no impression this was the case. Its addictive properties led to it being

requested by patients long after their symptoms of pain had gone away; to the knowledge of doctors, of course, these were patients who needed genuine treatment, so prescriptions continued to be filled. Meanwhile Purdue gladly continued to produce and funnel excess amounts to these doctors, who primarily operated in areas where substance abuse was already prominent, increasing their net sales from those suffering from addiction to their painkillers. This culminated in multiple lawsuits beginning in 2007, in which the federal government accused Purdue of being dishonest about the effects of oxycontin, to which Purdue paid out a \$600 million dollar fee in a settlement agreement. In 2015, however, Purdue once again came under fire, this time by the states of Kentucky, Oklahoma, and others in which they faced similar accusations, eventually paying out lawsuits to the tune of \$24 and \$270 million respectively.

After their last suit was settled in 2015, Purdue continued to come under fire for their contribution to the opioid crisis throughout the next 6 years. However, on Wednesday Purdue Pharmaceuticals won approval of a \$4.5 billion bankruptcy agreement in the

U.S. bankruptcy court in New York. This agreement protects the Sackler family from further lawsuits from both state legislatures and the federal government regarding their involvement in the opioid crisis as well as a series of other offenses. This ruling can and should be appealed, however, by both state and federal legislatures, and any state that was harmed by this should actively pursue the Sackler family for all they're worth.

All told, the Sacklers have collected over \$10 billion in the period from 2008 to 2017 alone, rendering the \$4.5 billion they are paying under the terms of this current settlement a pittance compared with the amount of damage they have caused over the past two and a half decades. Millions of lives have been claimed by the opioid epidemic, and though the political incentives of campaign funding and other forms of payment are obviously strong with a company such as Purdue, the government cannot let them off with what is essentially a stern lecture and "slap on the wrist." Trying to repurpose the company into a "public benefit company" is functionally useless and completely antithetical to what the company has represented for the past two and a half decades.

WMST 370: Introduction to Trans Studies

Bucknell recently introduced a new women and gender studies course surrounding transgender studies; this is the first transgender studies course the University has ever offered.

Society is built on a set of rules, both spoken and unspoken. Some of these rules are established by the actions of other members of the community, and other rules are discussed and taught to the younger generations, ensuring that the pre-established culture lives on. One rule of society, a rule that has also contributed to building many foundational norms of our society, is binary genders. The power dynamic, as well as many cultural aspects, of our society have been built upon the idea of only two genders existing: male and female. Furthermore, many norms and expectations in society are based on these two genders. Each gender is expected to dress a certain way, play a different role in the family dynamic, and even work in certain career fields over others. However, in recent years, these rules have begun to change. Beginning with small adjustments, such as more women seen in STEM field professions or acting as the primary breadwinner in the family, and working towards bigger changes such as the growing support for the LGBTQ+ community and recognizing the nonbinary or gender nonconforming members of society. In order for society to embrace these new norms, all members must work to actively educate themselves thus debunking this old thought process of only two genders existing.

As the meaning of the word gender changes within our society, the University has added a new Women's and Gender Studies course to help educate students on the complexity of gender. Introduction to Trans Studies focuses on questioning the gender binary and also the relation-

ship between the foundations of our society and gender. In the course description the field is described as, "an interdisciplinary field that explores understandings of sex and gender through the discussion of lived trans experiences and theoretical tools to analyze gender, desire, embodiment, and identity." Intro to Trans Studies also hopes to generate discussions about gender, sexuality and power by focusing on three separate parts: gender/power, subverting the frame, and world/politics. Furthermore, the class will delve into the history of the trans identity, how this history and meaning interacts with other concepts, and how it is seen in the United States. Intro to Trans Studies is being taught by visiting Professor Benea Beamon.

Professor Benea Beamon began her career at Bucknell in January 2020 following the completion of her doctorate at Boston University. Her academic career has been centered around religion, ethics and culture with a focus on "intersectional identity and how the seemingly mundane resist, unmake and undo oppressive systems." She also has a passion for tap dancing and other performing arts. Benea attributes these passions to her Southern upbringing and describes her work as "informed by things that speak to Black, Southern culture, like importance of history, the value of natural resources that gives life, the importance of community and the refusal to let food, time, energy or life go to waste." Ultimately these beliefs, paired with her focus in Black transgender women studies, led her to accept a position as a visiting professor and teach the Introduction to Transgender Studies course.

Professor Beamon explained she hopes her students will be able to recognize how foundational gender is to their everyday lives and ultimately

use this recognition to view society differently: "a better sense of undoing gender which will then undo the system of powers and oppression that gender is based upon through an intersectional approach." Furthermore, she has the overarching goal that students will, "learn to situate and assess assumptions about gender and sexuality, categories of identity, and social location... will raise questions about the social, political, cultural, legal, and historical rhetoric surrounding gender diversity in the U.S. context."

By implementing such a course the University is moving in the right direction; including educational opportunities beyond mainstream academics is important for the University's growth. Furthermore, through offering courses such as Intro to Trans Studies, one may infer the University is trying to work towards creating a more accepting community culture overall. The Washington Post recently reported that hate crimes in the past year have risen to the highest level since 2009, a change that has even become apparent on our own campus. Following the two different incidents that occurred on campus in the past year, it was no question that the culture and what is deemed acceptable on campus must be changed. In response to a Fran's House incident last spring, the University officially renamed Tower House Building to Fran's House, making it "a safe place for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies at all times and as a sponsor of events to enrich the lives of LGBTQ+ individuals and allies on campus." Fran's House, the LGBTQ+ on-campus affinity house was attacked by a group of former members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, who had lived in Tower House, last spring. The members attempted to enter the house forcefully despite the resident's

discomfort. Ultimately, the incursion threatened the residents' safety and sense of security on campus. The second incident that occurred within the last year was only one day after the closure of the investigation of Fran's House. A transgender student was allegedly assaulted by six men when walking home from a bar in downtown Lewisburg. This alleged assault left the student with a concussion, many bruises and the lingering questions of whether the attack was motivated by hate.

When asked about the Fran's House attack as well as the alleged assault that occurred over the summer, Professor Beamon explains how gender is playing into these actions as well: "pre-occupation with gender and how central it is to our identity thus creates these gender expectations at all times which ultimately can create a sense of anxiety. That paired with the existing anxiety of the pandemic can really hurt a community." She hopes that this course will help students begin to recognize how detrimental this expectation can become. Professor Beamon also discussed how all majors can benefit from taking courses such as Intro to Trans Studies and how some students forget the importance of being able to have hard conversations. She explained this skill as, "the importance of being culturally competent and possessing the ability to speak to diverse populations and engage in complicated intervention." Such a skill is only developed through engaging in courses that push student's understandings of social norms and committing oneself to daily self-reflection. "It's about doing the daily self work to become more aware of our own actions and how gender plays into our everyday lives."

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Samek Art Museum Fall 2021 Exhibit: Exploring Culture, Identity, and Heritage Through Visual Art

Harley Marks
Contributing Writer

The Samek Art Museum, the University's home for academic and experimental art, has just released their planned exhibits for the Fall 2021 semester. Ranging from abstract paintings to culturally-representative sculptures, Samek's Fall exhibitions have the potential to inspire people of all backgrounds and interests. The art museum's exhibitions are located in the main Campus Gallery on the top floor of the Elaine Langone Center, as well as the Downtown Gallery on 416 Market Street in Lewisburg.

On August 24, Samek launched the Lineage collection by multi talented artist Vaughn Spann. Lineage is Spann's first museum exhibition for his abstract paintings, in which he showcases themes such as race, politics and popular culture through his art. These heavy topics are presented in a fresh way, as they are constructed with vibrant mediums and innovative materials. Spann has expressed that he doesn't want to limit

himself to one artistic style due to the many creative approaches and tools that exploring his heritage through artwork requires. Anyone interested in Black identity, the role of aesthetics in art, personal and collective memory or political history will thoroughly enjoy Spann's collection and will be able to engage with said topics in an exciting and eye-opening manner. This exhibition will be open until December 5 and is located in the Campus Gallery.

In a somewhat related style, the Samek's second exhibition of the season titled Tô Tiên by artist Howard Tran investigates the journey of immigration through his lens of being a Chinese - Vietnamese American immigrant. Tran's family immigrated from China to Vietnam during WWII and again when he was a young teen from Vietnam to America. Rooted in his experience and past, Tran's artwork to be culturally rich and historically informative. By using materials that pay

homage to Asian culture such as rice and burlap and incorporating structural elements that depict Western artistic styles, Tran's work is a profound commentary on multi-cultural connection. It is through his sculptures that Tran emphasizes our connection as one global community, even when we are seemingly separated by oceans and generations." This exhibition will be open until October 10 and is located in the Downtown Gallery.

In addition to these art exhibitions, Samek will also be hosting a myriad of events this Fall. These events include Identity: Stories That Shape Us presented by Stories on Tap. Located on the top floor of the ELC, this event includes live storytelling from students, faculty, staff and the Susquehanna Valley community regarding the role of identity in our everyday lives. This storytelling event is hosted by Monica Prince; viewers can expect to hear personal stories relating to

themes such as race identity, gender identity, sexual orientation, heritage, and many more. Hearing speakers of many diverse backgrounds discuss their experiences will provide attendees with an incredible opportunity to expand their understanding of social belonging. Identity: Stories That Shape Us will take place on Thursday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. Lastly, in support of Selinsgrove Brewing, Samek will be hosting an all-time favorite event, Art in Bars. This event brings beer-tasting and artwork together to spark a lively dialogue about various topics in art, all while being approachable for the masses. Join Art in Bars on Tuesday, November 30 at 7 p.m. on 121 N Market St, Selinsgrove, PA 17870. Tickets are only \$10 at the door and cover the cost of your beer tasting.

If you ever feel inclined to explore personal topics in an artistic and visually stimulating way, take a trip to the Samek Art Museum this semester!



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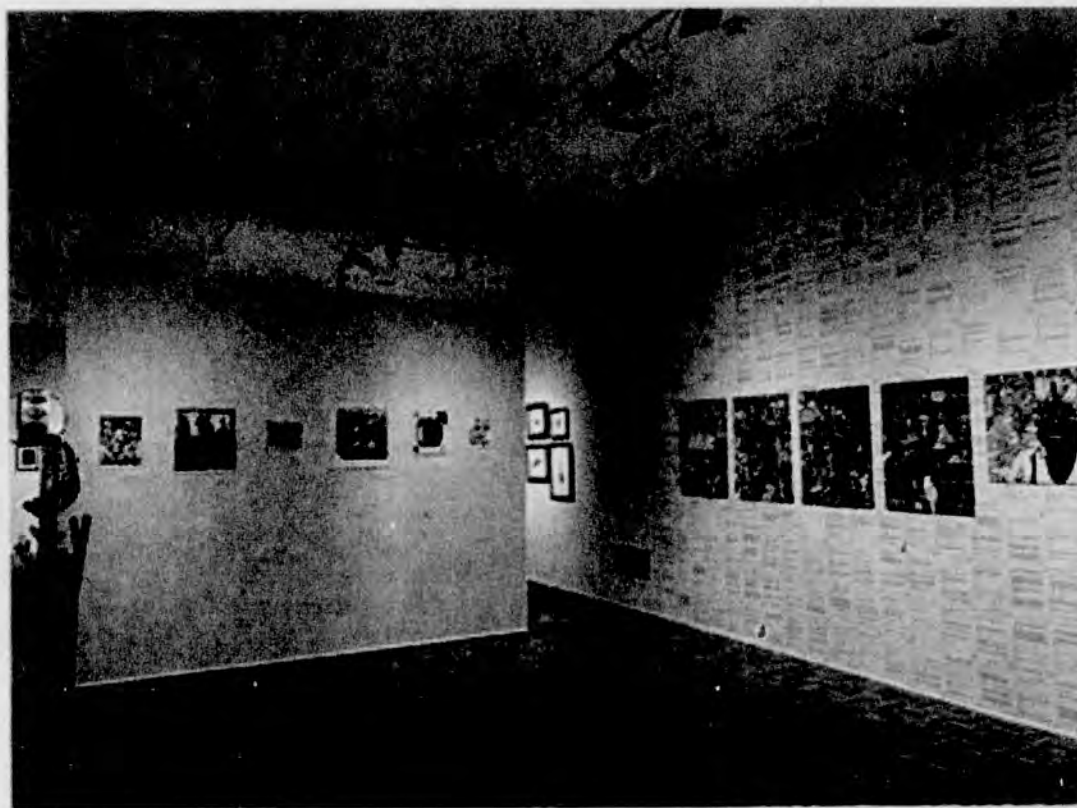


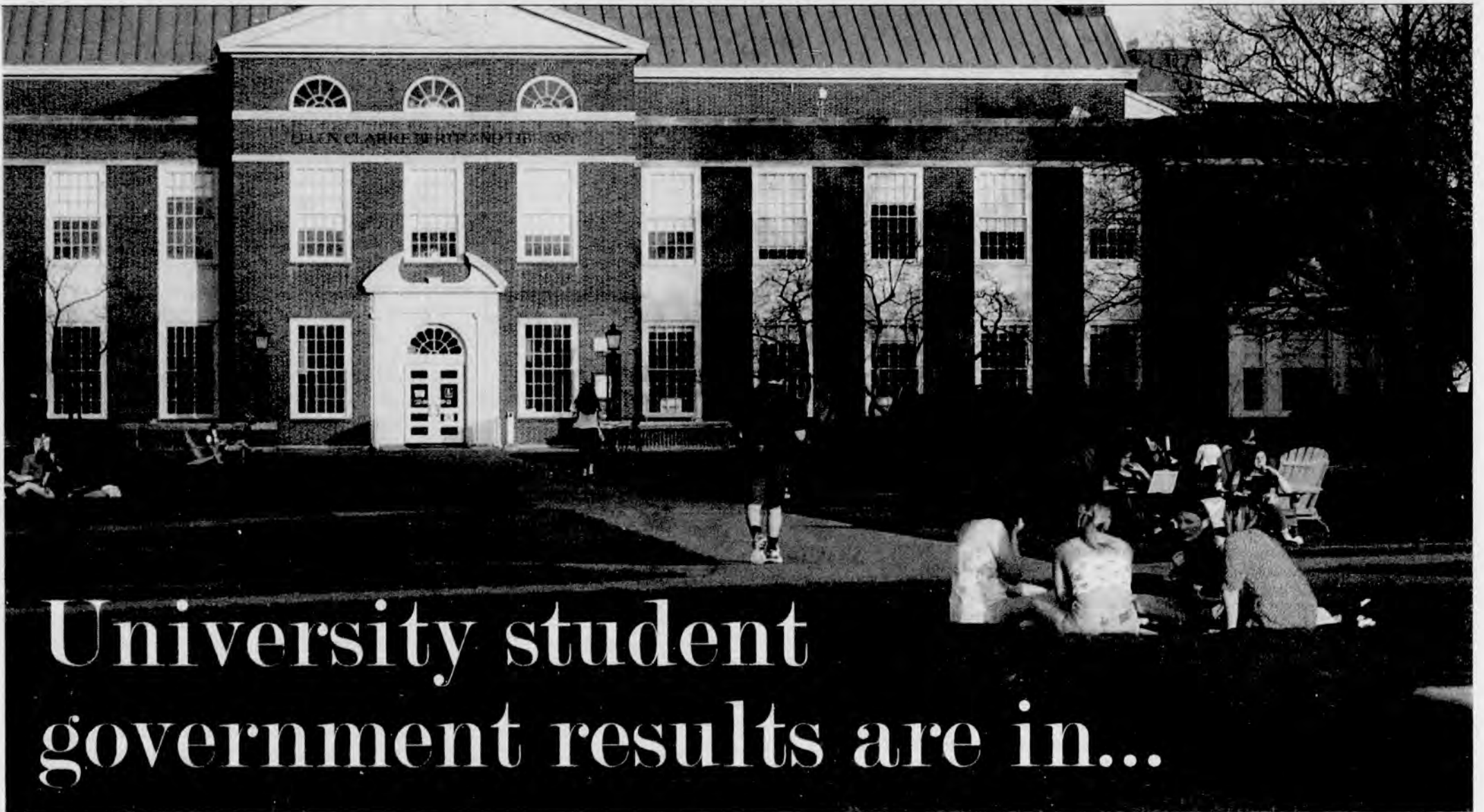
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University student government results are in...

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The Fall 2021-2022 Bucknell Student Government Election results for over 50 positions were announced this past Saturday, including the class president for each year.

As sent by Kate Bixby '22; Vice President of Operations for BSG, the results are as follows:

For the Class of 2022, the President is Amelia Schmall; the VP is Maddy Mallory; Secretary/Treasurer is Jack de la Parra; and the Senators are Jack Wieboldt, Lucia Singer, Maeve Snover, Victoria Loffredo, Anthony Warnick, Nick DeMarchis, and Hannah Moriarty.

For the Class of 2023, the President is Isaiah Mays; the VP is Sam Godshall; the Secretary/Treasurer is Taylor Armstrong; and the Senators are Max Wechsler, April Hurlock, Juliette Chandler, Keara Savage, Ellie Lowe, and Allison Dahl.

For the Class of 2024, the President is Bernie Maramis; the VP is Sam Godshall; the Secretary/Treasurer is Ally Riuli; and the Senators are Walid Abdallah, Jake de Luca, Eddie Scutari, Olivia Dey, Elena Roe, Luke Lambropoulos, and Haley Beardsley.

For the Class of 2025, the President is Jonathan Elliot; the VP is Gabby Diaz; the Secretary/Treasurer is Isa Segura-

Suarez; and the Senators are Lexi Hall, Brendan Baganski, Sam Douds, Maddie MacKay, Paul Bower, Avery Ham, and Michelle Gonzalez.

For the House committees, the members of the Academic Committee are Sarah Hanlon, Giuliana Ferrara, Olivia Martin, and Michelle Vovsha.

The members of the Advocacy Committee are Morgan Levy, Virginia Vincent, Cate Plepler, and Alli Howell.

For the Community Committee, the members are Carlos Gonzalez, Patrick Mannion, and Luke Derr.

For the Diversity Committee, the members are Ricky Rodriguez, Gabby Segura-Suarez,

and Azhani Duncan-Reese.

The members of the Sustainability Committee are Maggie Zipfel, Ben Fink, and Clara Chaplin.

For the Organization Review Board (ORB), the members are Amanda Mangano, Dominic Piazza, and Mike Krajnczyn.

Officials of BSG are meant to act as advocates for the students and serve as a liaison for students and administrators, according to Bixby. Each office has their own job in representing the student body, and this election had one of the highest voter turnouts in recent years, said Bixby. Nearly 1,200 people decided to vote in this elec-

tion, roughly one-third the total student body. Campaigns for the recently elected presidents shared many themes, most common: community and inclusion.

According to Isaiah Mays, president of the Class of 2023, last year really emphasized the need for those aspects of the University.

"We isolated ourselves for some time and I think that it's time for us to slowly get back to getting to know one another," Mays said. "If we aren't social, I think we lose a big part of what makes [the University] so great."

Mays said he plans to use his position to be upfront about

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The Bucknellian's Guide to the best Lewisburg eateries

Julianha Collins
Staff Writer

always count on your favorite sandwich to be delicious!"

Writer's favorite: Iced Chai Latte

Gram's Eatery: Located on 21 N Third St., Gram's is one of the most popular restaurants in town. Gram's has an array of food options including breakfast sandwiches, wraps, burgers and tacos, as well as their famous Taco Tuesday.

On Taco Tuesdays, customers have the opportunity to order a variety of tacos for a reduced price. Gram's also offers a variety of vegetarian options, as well as gluten and dairy-free choices. Their smoothies and milkshakes are also popular throughout the University community.

Writer's favorite: Avocado Toast, preferably with an egg and hash browns

Jackass Brewing Company: A little bit further than walking distance from campus, Jackass Brewing Company is a fairly new restaurant to dine in at night, as the atmosphere is industrial and creative. It is located at 2268 Old Turnpike Rd., about 10 minutes from campus.

According to their website, Jackass Brewing Company began as a hobby for founders Skip Kratzer and Larry Winans. They

became obsessed with brewing and needed an outlet to get rid of the extras that their friends and family couldn't drink.

Writer's favorite: The Chips and the Dip Together

Tonino's Pizza: A popular choice for Italian food is Tonino's, which is about five minutes from campus located at 325 N tenth St. Tonino's is a good option for a quick slice of pizza to grab with some friends. Also, the salads are always a good choice as they are filled with protein and toppings.

Tonino's delivers, which is convenient for late-night study sessions, and they even cater for larger group events.

Writer's favorite: Buffalo Chicken Pizza / House Salad with Chopped Steak

Brasserie Louis: Brasserie Louis, located at 101 Market St., has an intimate dinner menu filled with a variety of soups, salads and vegan entrees. Despite being more of an upscale dining option, the fries are a popular choice among students.

The restaurant also has a patio and private dining rooms available for reservation.

Writer's favorite: Vegan Burger with a side of fries

University receives grant to combat inequity and advancement issues among faculty

Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

The University was recently awarded a \$271,000 two-year self-assessment to combat gender, race and ethnicity barriers for faculty by a new National Science Foundation ADVANCE grant, according to a press release.

Set to lead the project is Professor Jiajia Dong, and Associate Dean of Faculty for Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Professor Dong will be collaborating with Interim Dean of the College of Engineering Erip Jablonski, Associate Professor Abby Flint of the Mathematics Department, and Professor Sue Ellen Henry of the Education Department.

"We are going to survey all of the faculty members and ask them to answer questions on their gender, ethnicity, years of experience and rank, and [time spent] at Bucknell," Dong said in a press release. "We're going to ask them about their experience of being recruited and hired, and what were the challenges and impressions they had."

Dong said that a second portion of the survey will focus on retention and the tenure track for faculty. The final portion will cover how professors advance their careers at the University and the ways they were supported in their pursuit.

The second year will look a little different, according to the press release, because re-

searchers will primarily be searching through the data to find common themes amongst the survey responses.

The announcement for the grant comes as part of a larger theme throughout the University's "Plan for 2025" which hopes to build and retain a diverse community among students, faculty and staff.

"This is huge for a variety of reasons, one of which is that we want to start to recognize and collaborate with people who are taking seriously the scholarly element of diversity and equity," Nikki Young, Associate Provost for Equity & Inclusive Excellence, said in a press release. "Using a review of our very own retention, tenure and promotion process is a way to hold us accountable and have faculty engaged in this work."

Young continued in the press release that the study will provide greater opportunities to hear from "underrepresented minorities" amongst the faculty.

Dong said that the selection criteria and method of awarding support for faculty is still being developed. An information session in October will kick off the study.

"The success of this project relies on the active participation and thoughtful input from faculty members, and the team looks forward to bringing forward a plan in the next couple of months," Dong said.



Residents of Vedder Hall deal with mold in vents

Residents of Vedder Hall, located at the heart of the University's lower campus, recently went into a state of panic as mold was discovered in students' rooms.

Completed in 1965, the dorm is set to be renovated this 2021-22 school year. With the recent stress around the mold, and students being required to move out midway through the school year for renovations, many students are upset about the current environment in the Vedder community.

An email was sent to Vedder residents regarding the mold by the University's Director of Safety and Risk Management, Gregg Rokavec. "Bucknell Environmental Health & Safety, Facilities and Housing are investigating these reports, and the University is taking every possible step to ensure your health, safety and comfort. To quickly address this situation, we have retained a certified

industrial hygienist to examine the areas in question," Rokavec said.

Along with reassurance to students that the situation was being addressed, the email also offered some tips to help prevent humidity and the growth of mold, including how to run the fans at a good temperature, when to open the windows and where to hang damp towels.

Despite the attempts to reassure students, many Vedder residents did not buy into the response the University offered. "It's surprising that there's mold in Vedder considering how the University always talks about the importance of student health," First-year and Vedder resident Sam Novak '25 said.

Novak continued saying, "If student health is always talked about by the school's administration, then it would be expected that the housing is frequently inspected and that the living conditions be the same in each hall."

Another Vedder resident, Annabelle Kaeli '24, also expressed concern about the current living situation in Vedder. "My experience in Vedder so far has been far from great. I moved into a room that hadn't been cleaned since the end of last semester. There was mold on the air conditioner and the floors were sticky and covered in strangers' hair. The rooms are incredibly humid and my clothes are always wet, whether they're in my drawers or hung up in my closet," Kaeli said.

Kaeli also mentioned concern for the health of students. "People in my hall are getting sick from the mold, which is unacceptable. The health of students should be a priority. On top of all of this, some students in the dorm have to move out after the fall semester and we don't know where we are moving to."

Students have even taken to a recent app phenomenon on campus, YikYak,

to express their feelings towards the mold situation. One anonymous student said, "Only Vedder would not only have mold in the first place, but then send three men into your room at 7:30am while you're sleeping to clean the vents."

Juliana Rodrigues '24 is an RA in Vedder who handled the concerns of many worried residents. "As an RA in Vedder it has been difficult with residents being scared because once people start talking about it things definitely get more dramatized and as only an RA I did not have an exact answer for them. During our staff meeting our director, Robert Liebel, was really reassuring by just telling us that mold is not everywhere and if students are concerned they should put a work order in," Rodrigues said.

Rodrigues continued saying, "I think it is under control for the most part now but the situation definitely caused a lot of panic."

University maintains high prices for student

Ellie Lowe
Senior Writer

With the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, many industries have been greatly affected in how they operate and price their goods. The food industry is no exception, including the University's Dining Services.

Many students are familiar with the Grab and Go items that are sold at the Bison Café, the Seventh Street Café, and the Bertrand Library Café. These items include, but are not limited to: sandwiches, fruit cups, and salads. All these items are made on campus in the Dining Services Production Kitchen which is located in Larison Hall. Many of these items have been criticized for being overpriced for the amount of food that is in the package.

The six ounce fruit cups, which sell for over \$3.00 are a little over two times as expensive as the pre-sliced fruit that can be found at Giant, a nearby grocery store. The majority of the fruit that is delivered to the University comes from two vendors located about two hours away. Although the fruit comes from these vendors, the vendors themselves rely heavily on Leola Produce Market, another vendor in Pennsylvania, for their stock. "Dining puts a great deal of emphasis on

scratch cooking and this starts with sourcing the best possible ingredients," Jay Breeding, The General Manager at Parkhurst Dining Bucknell, said. While the fruit that is delivered to the University is generally local, the fruit that is sold at Giant tends to come from other places such as Canada or Mexico.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there have been shortages in available labor in the agriculture and transportation industries. This has caused the prices of goods like fruit to fluctuate more than normal. Additionally, delays in shipping have caused shelf life to go down.

Here at the university the everyday Grab and Go items like sandwiches and the fruit cups are made in batches at the Production Kitchen in Larison dining and distributed throughout the day. Many students don't see the work it takes to get these Grab and Go items made and onto shelves. "All told, from receiver, to production staff, to driver, it takes roughly seven full-time team members to produce and deliver our grab and go products," Breeding said.

Over the past year there have been many changes to the operations of Dining Services. As life at the University begins to return to normal, Dining Services is continuing to adapt to the changing needs of the students.

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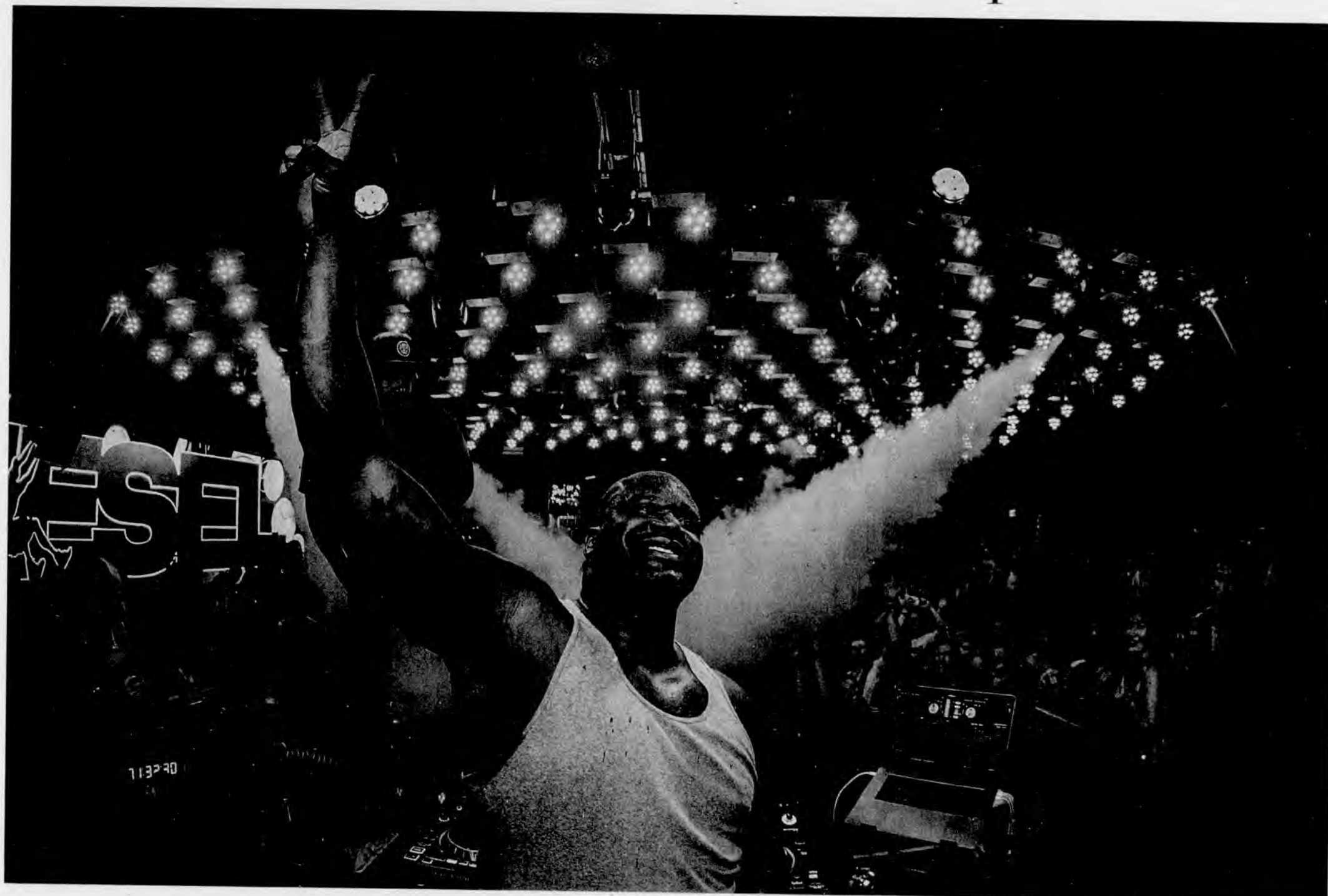


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The Aftermath of Hurricane Ida

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From Aug. 26, 2021, until Sept. 4, 2021, Hurricane Ida made its way from New Orleans to New York, incurring damages reaching up to a possible \$95 billion, which would place it at the 7th most economically damaging hurricane since 2000. The storm, which started in the Gulf of Mexico, had a rare massive impact far North. It was a category four storm with sustained winds of 150mph, only seven miles away from being a category five storm. The storm left one million Americans without power.

In Louisiana, the flood defenses put in place after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 proved to work effectively. However, the state remains in "life saving" mode, hoping to get electricity back in the next few weeks.

The northeast was also hit hard by the hurricane, with more than three inches of rain falling in New York per hour. New Yorkers were caught in the thick of the storm with several deaths and floods. This storm was not the first warning the city had. Even more powerful tropical cyclones, such as Hurricane Sandy in 2012, have shown repeated warnings signs about the city's safety and infrastructure.

The effects of Hurricane Ida were visible at The University. The town of Lewisburg, located on the Susquehanna River, has a history of significant flooding. The Susquehanna is the nation's longest non-navigable river. It is com-

prehensive and shallow, but despite this, when storms hit the area, the river can do a lot of damage. According to the Union County Historical Society, major floods have been recorded at least nine times in the last 125 years.

Associate Professor of Geology, Rob Jacob, discussed the damages of past hurricanes in Lewisburg and how the hurricane season has changed. "When you look at it through the eyes of someone here in Lewisburg, you wouldn't notice that Hurricane Ida was different from a hurricane ten years ago. Some of the worst flooding we have had in this area was from the 70s from Hurricane Agnes," Jacob said.

"A way you might observe change in hurricanes through time leading up to Ida would be looking at just the number of category four and higher storms that are hitting land, which are a lot. This season we have had a couple already just on the Eastern side of the U.S.," Jacob continued.

With the increased amount and severity of hurricanes over recent years, many connect this change with the unraveling effects of climate change. As water temperatures rise, more heat energy is available, and a higher potential for tropical cyclones to form. Studies have shown that there has been a substantial increase in the severity of hurricanes over the past few decades. Despite this information, it is essential

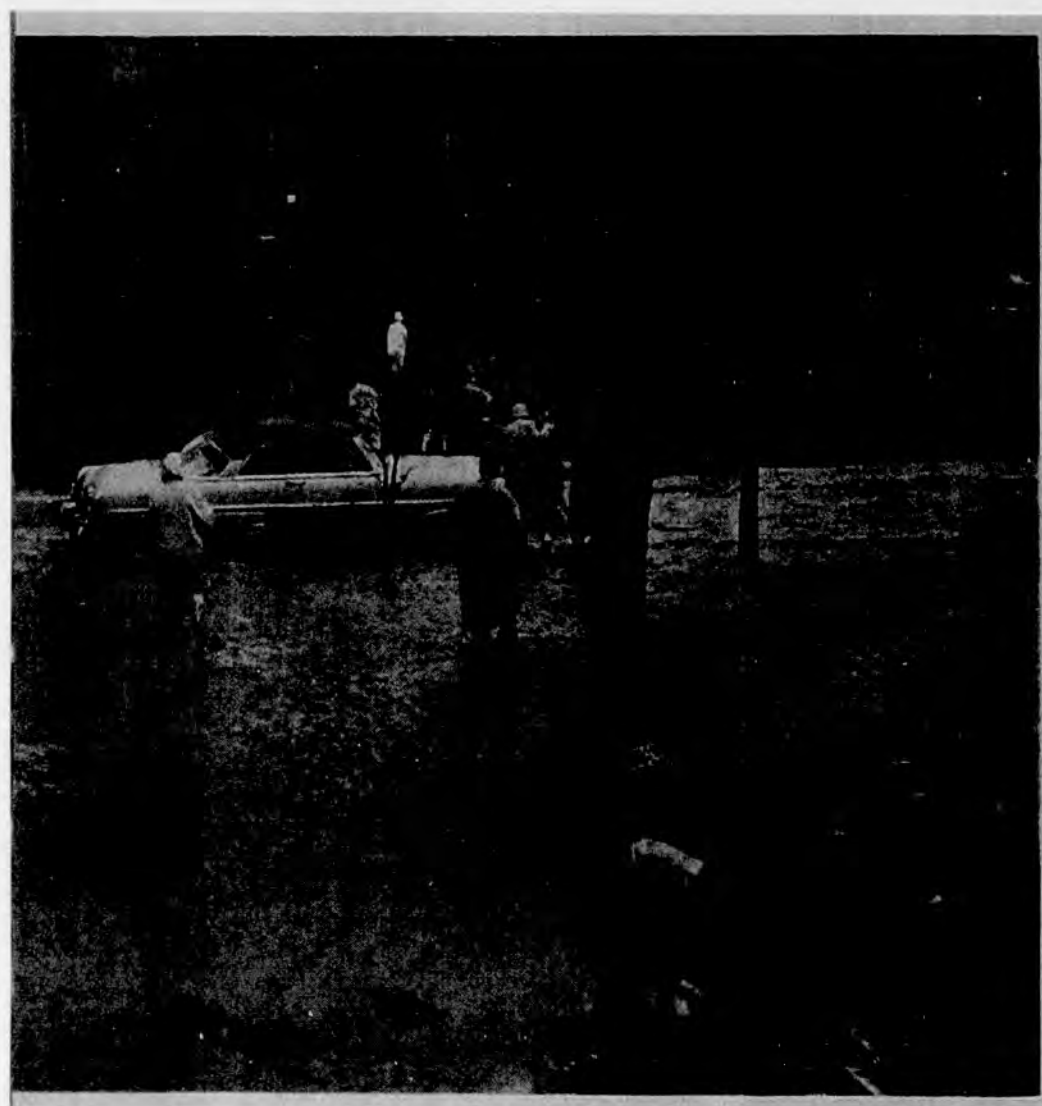
to think about all of the factors of climate change that affect weather patterns today and not focus on one storm as a result of climate change.

"I know there is a lot of dialogue right now in the wake of Ida that it is an example of climate change, but it is really hard to look at one storm and say 'oh this is climate change.' We have to look at climate as a longer record from a larger lens. Yes, Ida was significant, but it's a lot of other aspects that you have to investigate and understand," Jacob said.

President Joe Biden took a trip through New York and New Jersey areas that were affected by the storm, declaring the climate crisis a "code-red" for the world.

Jacob also reflected on his time at the University and the floods he has seen, saying, "Back in 2011 we had enough of a flood to shut down school for a day. When I was a student in 1996 we had a flood in the Winter where all the people who left their cars in the Harris lot over break came back to having flooded cars."

Lewisburg is no stranger to floods, but as the effects of climate change continue to unfold, the importance of action persists. Members of the University community can read more about past floods on campus and in Lewisburg on a billboard feature in The O'Leary Psychology & Geology Center.



THE UNIVERSITY IS NO STRANGER TO HISTORIC FLOODING; THIS PICTURE FROM NOVEMBER 1956 SHOWS LOOMIS STREET SUBMERGED IN WATER, WITH HUNT HALL LOOKING ONTO THE DELUGE.

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Students vs. The Hill: Most Ridiculous Modes of Transportation to Class

Sarah Petnuch
Senior Writer

One of the most annoying parts of my every morning sophomore year was making the trek from Harris Hall all the way up to Academic West. I thought that was tough, but students living downtown and in the Mods have it even worse. While some students are lucky enough to have a car on campus, others need to get a little creative.

There is nothing in this world that can put a smile on my face on a Monday morning like the sight of two lacrosse players zooming across Route 15 on a single-seat moped. Two six-foot-five men weighing in at over 200 pounds, each huddled up close to each other, trying with all their power not to tip over in the middle of a highway — I guess that's one way to go about initiating some team bonding.

Fraternity brothers have implemented their own personal method of transportation: all potential new members of Sigma Gamma Beta Fish are required to carry the brothers on their backs to and from all their classes for the next two weeks if they want to receive a bid. "If you crack under the weight of a brother, you'd crack under the weight of the Brotherhood, and we cannot have that in this year's pledge

class," claims the pledge master (with his thousand-yard stare). I can't think of a better example of survival of the fittest in 2021. Rumor has it a Potential New Member snapped their spinal cord in half and had to be life-flighted to Pittsburgh.

Apparently, not everyone is built for the brotherhood. Another commonly utilized form of transportation up The Hill is the infamous Bucknell shuttle. Let me tell you: that thing can move. All basic rules of traffic disappear when it comes to that shuttle. The other day it picked a student up directly in front of Bertrand, caught air driving off the top of Freas Hall, flew down the hill to pick a student up at Hunt, and still managed to drop everyone off at Holmes in precisely 0.37 seconds — an average speed for a Tuesday morning. The transmission on that beast must have been handcrafted by the heroic engineers in Dana themselves. We tried to have a conversation with the driver of the shuttle, but it seemed as though the reality was "compromised" (if you're picking up when I'm putting down) for him at the moment, which explains quite a bit. While this does cause a little bit of damage to the campus, it is by far the safest, fastest, and most efficient method of transportation explored thus far.

Professors Consider Class More Important Than Safety During Flash Flood Warnings

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Satire Contributing Writer

When I arrived at my math class last Wednesday morning, my teacher asked what happened to make me soaking wet when I walked through the door. I suggested, probably to the dismay of my participation grade, that he take two seconds to look outside and see for himself. He only responded by saying that it couldn't have been "all that bad" if I still made it to class on time. He clearly must not have been outside that morning, but all I could respond with was that I decided to take a dip in the Susquehanna before I came to class.

That was a comment I got from many professors that day; that the weather wasn't bad, and it could have been much worse. While it certainly could have been, that doesn't detract from the fact that it colossally sucked having to walk between classes in the nonstop rain all day.

One would think the teachers would be a little more sympathetic towards students, seeing as the teachers had to traverse the downpour themselves at times, but they weren't. Not one class, practice, or activity was canceled that day, despite the dangers the rain posed at times. The nonstop rain left stairs, walkways, and roads slick and covered in large puddles, posing hazards to drivers and pedestrians alike. When speaking with a professor later in the day, she gave me the whole speech your parents gave you about having to go both ways uphill to get to school and back and that it used to be even more dangerous than we could imagine. As someone who lives in Smith Hall, at the bottom of the hill, I think we get

the idea. The half a dozen kids I saw wipe out on the quad stairs probably do too.

The only benefit from the rain, in my opinion, was being able to see the ingenuity of students here at the University and all the ways they found to keep their bags and themselves dry. Naturally, there was a wide variety of colored umbrellas and raincoats utilized by the more practical students. Plenty had those single-use plastic ponchos or threw garbage bags over their backpacks. Some students didn't seem to care at all and just got drenched as the day continued. Then there were the others with some more interesting ideas, like the group of guys I saw carrying an entire canoe over their heads at one point. I saw another few students carrying empty plastic storage containers on their backs like turtle shells and even heard a rumor that some upperclassmen rented a golf cart to drive between their classes.

With how wet the grass was, it was surprising that so few people were sledding down the hill to get to dorms or the ELC as there had been. It appeared that some students chose to make the best of the rain that day. Students were washing cars, bikes, plastic containers, and trash bins. Others were just standing in the downpour; whether to beat the heat of earlier in the week or to avoid taking a shower, I'm unsure. When walking to the Barnes & Noble to pick up a book, I noticed the students in one of the off-campus houses had set up an inflatable pool to sit in as the rain-filled it up. If the winters here at the University are as difficult as that rain was to deal with, we are certainly in for a wild ride.

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Satire Content Co-Editor

Moving into a new college dorm is always a fun and exciting time of year; scoping out the new room, and figuring out where exactly you want your giant air fryer to collect dust for the year, is an absolute move-in staple — at least for those of us who can afford air fryers.

This is also when you decide if that thing in the corner of your room is a giant mold spot or a wasp's nest, if that stain on your mattress is ever going to come out or if you should ignore it, and if those cracks in the ceiling are perhaps something to worry about.

This year, students were very excited to learn that the University received a very

generous donation, totaling almost \$1 billion, from an anonymous donor. The donor requested that the University use it to "pass the vibe check" — no elaboration whatsoever was provided. For their part, students hoped this meant a makeover for the dorms.

Despite the vagueness of their mandate, the University was elated to receive this opportunity to enhance the lives of its students and faculty alike. Naturally, the first thing they did with the donation money was knit the Bison Statue before the KLARC a huge orange-and-blue striped sweater.

After some prodding from its board members, the administration installed yet another new scoreboard for the football field, this time

Don't Worry! Here is What Your Tuition Money is Going Towards

Bridgette Simpson
Satire Co-Editor

Since most of the people who read The Bucknellian are students (you know who you are), many of you have probably been wondering, "Where does our cash go when we send it to the University?" Well, it just so happened that the administration accidentally bec'd me some accounting costs, so I feel empowered to give you, the reader, a quick overview. Since there was a visible uptick in prices concerning the school's comprehensive fee (not to mention the insane costs of textbooks these days), I decided to take a deep dive into as many of these as I (don't) get paid to write.

1. Cloning projects for large Donors

We're all aware that the University received its largest one-sum donation this year from an alumnus, with more than \$40 million entering its porous pockets. With that unprecedented contribution, many of us feel compelled to ask, "Why are prices still so high?" and "What is that money going towards?" I'm here to answer both questions. You see, deep in the Biomedical Wing of the Dana Engineering building — I've been there many times, trust me — there exist DNA samples of all the most prominent donors in the University's history. The idea is, if the students grow donors from Petri dishes, they might give more money to the campus — maybe another 40 million? I see this as a perfect plan, with no drawbacks, but I only worry about my clone, who, per Clone Law, must defeat me

in one-on-one combat before taking on my persona. I'm gonna cheat for that one. Maybe bring a bazooka.

2. Paying Abstract Artists to tack on Approved Messages to Exhibitions

Let's be honest. You know all those weird art galleries they put up around campus recently? I've seen them, and I don't think they mean a thing. I know it's supposed to be all vague and important, like "seeing things through a person's eyes," but I don't think shap-ing a giant model out of rice is gonna help with that. Rice Head. Besides that, I see a giant painting with a bunch of large Styrofoam dots on it, and you know what I'm gonna think of? Muffins. Muffins are delicious, but painting a muffin and sticking it on your art piece like some kind of symbol? It just tells me you hate good baking. Having the muffin itself be the art piece? That's just lazy. If it actually gets accepted into the museum? I applaud your lack of effort, but I still stick my nose up at you, *Sacré Bleu!*

I would have written more, but we couldn't afford it. The important thing is, there's no need to worry, folks! Your money is in good hands. While we'll need to fork over more of it to learn here, I'm just happy my tuition cash isn't being wasted. After all, it could be put towards frivolous things students actually want, like larger to-go containers and an on-campus Taco Bell. What can I say, though? Money makes the world go around, and the University can make it run for a long, long time... as long as we pay them, of course.

Sophomore Girls Going Through Recruitment Find New Ways to Embrace Greek Life

Siobhan Nerz
Contributing Writer

O' Claw-deus of white, muse of party stories, help me tell a tale of Greek life in all its glory. We all know the myth of Hercules the hungover and Medusa the stoner. However, new legends are being made in Mount Lewisburg as sophomore girls are in the process of joining sororities.

Our tale starts with the dreadful fates. These three sisters have great influence over the social lives of students as they spin the ratty hair extension of Greek life destiny. As a result of the fates' fiddling, the sophomore girls are banned from wor-

shipping Dionysus. It looks like the god of parties will have something to wine about. Despite these sour grapes, the sophomore girls are finding other ways to embrace Greek life on campus.

Some sophomores have started worshipping Aphrodite, goddess of love and beauty. They believe that by sacrificing enough drachmas at Sephora, their Zoom screens will frame a face that could launch a thousand bids. They also pray that their shoes don't give them blisters and become Achilles' heels.

Others have taken a different approach to the recruitment process. Some of the sophomores have used their newfound free

time to study Homer in the amphitheater by McDonnell. This academic activity caught the attention of Athena, the goddess of wisdom. As a result, the goddess has blessed our heroines with the knowledge to remember to use the terms "recruitment" and "women" when referring to Greek life. While this vocabulary may seem trivial, the mention of "rush" or "girls" could send you to the underworld.

After the students' opinions were finally voiced, echoing similar sentiments about the dire housing situation, the school finally decided to take action. On move-in day, students were looking forward to what the University had been referring to as a "housing revamp" all summer and were shocked by what they saw.

"I have no words right now," shared Sara Haus '24. "The 'housing revamp' is that they're now paying the football team and some faculty

members by the hour to move our stuff in, and they put a 'communal Swiffer' in each cleaning closet on each hall that we are 'free to use at any time.' I thought they were going to give us new furniture or something."

The University administration released a public statement regarding the huge donation and its future implications, stating that the leftover money would be divided up between each facet of the school where deemed necessary, but that this would be a long and strenuous process that could take months to fully map out.

Following this statement, the University's president was seen having a full hot tub and jacuzzi installed in his backyard.

Faculty and Staff Turn to Yik Yak to Enhance Campus Life

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Yik Yak has taken the University by storm, and no one is safe from the cloud of judgment that inevitably follows being exposed on the app. Not only are students invested in spreading the truth about Greek life rankings or upvoting posts about suspicious substances suspected to be present in cafeteria food, but faculty and staff alike are flocking to this newfound oasis of information.

In an effort to get a pulse on campus life and address the evolving needs and stressors of students, the University administration has encouraged faculty and staff to peruse the anonymous posts available for anyone's viewing within a five-mile radius. The initiative, while problematic from the start, has unsurprisingly given University employees an all-too-close look at students' lives. Faculty and staff were shocked and disappointed to learn how many students were willing to make indecorous — albeit witty — comments on the internet. However, University administrators were thrilled to discover the implementation of Hall Olympics during Orientation yielded great popularity, especially surrounding the t-shirts.

The app is even being utilized for academic purposes in classes related to creative writing. "A student's

Yakarma is indicative of their ability to reach their peers. In this new age of technological communication, I am allowing students to express themselves through a variety of mediums. They can prove their ability to reach a wide audience by showing their posts that resonated with the most users," Professor Eve S. Drop said. "Plus, I'm trying to get to the bottom of who called me a 'baddie' on the app last week."

Public Safety units on campus have also attempted to weaponize Yik Yak through stealthy undercover research. Chief Officer on campus Buzz Kill told reporters his top priority, second only to punishing parking violators, is ridding the campus of illegal substances. In order to achieve this goal, Officer Kill employed his best men, many of whom learned how to use a cell phone that very day, in asking Yik Yak users where they may be able to find "grass and snow" on campus. Much to their dismay, the top answer directed them to their own mother's home — a location sadly beyond the confines of their jurisdiction. The potential of ruthless cyberbullying created by Yik Yak is no match for the place it already holds in our hearts. By bringing students, faculty, and townies together on one platform, people from all walks of life are able to berate each other in unison anonymously.

energy to make it through recruitment, this attempt at praise may have backfired as the goddess was offended by the repulsive food. Perhaps rotting fruit and stale bread was a better sacrifice to give to the god of the dead. Due to this sacrilege, our heroines must be cautious, as Demeter is known to take her revenge in the form of greasy, acne-inducing foods.

Alas, I wish our heroines well as they embark on their personal odysseys. Sophomore girls already look forward to when recruitment is over, and soon everyone will be able to beat-box with Pandora and take shots with Artemis once more.

Bucknell 9/11 Memorial Service

Twenty Years Later, Bucknell community will
gather again to remember 9/11

Juliana Rodrigues
Staff Writer

The days ahead brings sorrow and loss to the minds of Americans as we approach the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy. The devastating hijacking and crashing of four planes took the lives of 2,977, and permanently altered the lives of all Americans, including some of our campus community. In past years, the University has always been able to honor 9/11 in some way; for 2021, a service will be held in Rooke Chapel on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m.

This year's memorial service was organized by Kendall Garnett '22, and Nicole Everett '22 of the Panhellenic Council, along with Director of Religious and Spiritual Life Kurt Nelson. Grateful for the opportunity to work with the Panhellenic Council to plan the service, Nelson expressed that he believes "As working memory fades and historical memory rises, it's important to find time to remember together the events of that day, and all that has followed — and especially the lives of those lost who are connected to our community here — alumni, parents, family and friends." Everett commented on why the Panhellenic Council felt this event would be so important to the campus community. "There are a lot of people who have a connection to 9/11, and for a lot of these people it is hard to be away from home during this time. So, we were trying to come up with a way to help bring our community together, and remember what [happened], especially because it's the 20th anniversary. We planned this remembrance ceremony for our community to come together at Rooke Chapel. It's a time we can all just be together; listen to some words of remembrance from different speakers, President Bravman is going to say some words. Overall, I think it will be a really special opportunity for all of us to be together and support everyone who was impacted," Everett said.

The service this Saturday will be led by Nelson, with Kelsi Chupriski of the Catholic Campus Ministry offering a prayer. "It's important to provide a prayerful and silent moment on this Saturday to remember all those lives lost... We need to make space in our busy and noisy lives not only for remembering, but thanking God for our lives, for our gifts, and for the blessing of our country. As a community, it is a moment of solidarity with all faiths, creeds, religions, groups and races: all are one when we come together in prayer," Chupriski said. This service gives students the opportunity to honor 9/11 victims, regardless of if they were directly impacted by the event. It is an important day for the community to come together as a whole to reflect, remember, and honor the victims and all of those affected. "The Bucknell community actually gathered in the Chapel Grove on 9/11/01 and again on 9/11/11 — there are markers there, signifying each occasion," Nelson said. After gathering in the Chapel on the day of that horrific incident, and ten years later, it now can be seen as a campus tradition twenty years later.



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Many students on campus have also expressed their gratitude for the University providing a service, as they are able to see the importance of remembrance for this tragedy. Molly Tuthill '24, a residential advisor (RA) for a first year hall, took time to give her thoughts on the memorial service. "Growing up in New York, in a town of several who commute to work in the city — 9/11 has affected many people I know and love, including good friends of my older siblings and parents. I think it is important every year to honor those who tragically lost their lives, and I am thankful to Bucknell for providing a service for students to attend," Tuthill said. She plans to attend this Saturday with her fellow members of the campus community, and encourages her first year hall to take some time out of their morning to join her. "Although I was born after 9/11, I think it's still important to keep in our thoughts those who lost their lives, and their families and friends who deal with that loss each year. I admire that Bucknell gives us an opportunity to come together on this day," Victoria Hall '24, another RA, said. Numerous other students when asked concurred on the importance of a service for 9/11. Second year students Peter Rhatican '24 of Pennsylvania and Henry Nagel '24 of Illinois aim to find time on Saturday to attend and take time to reflect on the lives lost and families affected.

This coming weekend we specifically honor the University Alumni who lost their lives twenty years ago. Mark McGinly '97, Keith Coleman '90, Bonnie Smithwick '68, and Bradley Fetchet '99 were all working in their offices within the World Trade Center when the planes crashed. We all keep these alumni, and their families in our thoughts. All students are welcomed and encouraged to attend the Memorial this weekend and be sure to keep in their thoughts everyone affected by 9/11.

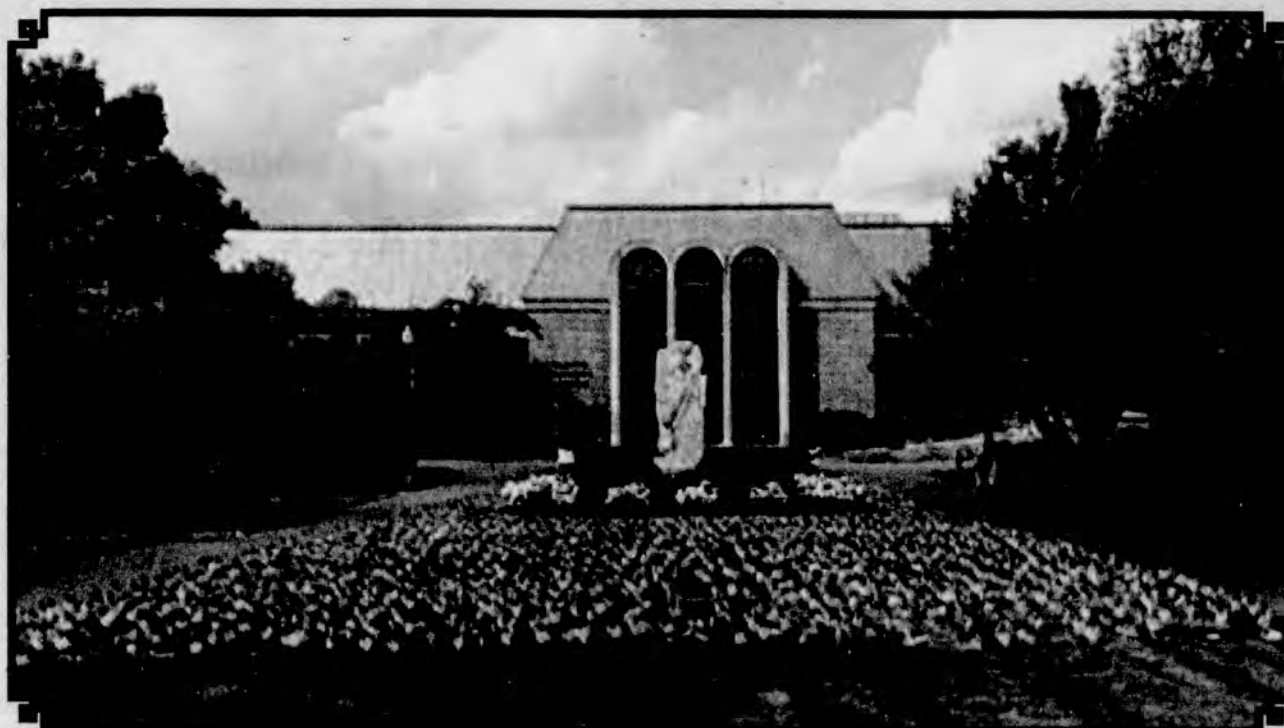


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UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S SOCCER
VS ST. BONAVENTURE
ON SEPT. 12 AT 5PM
WOMEN'S SOCCER
VS RIDER ON SEPT. 12 AT 1PM

Lea Tarzy
Contributing Writer

This past weekend, the Bison men's tennis team hosted the Bucknell Invitational. The competition was intended to continue through Sunday. However, due to the weather, the remainder of the tournament was canceled.

Junior Nick Mueller competed in the number one singles flight. Mueller

went on to the final with a pair of wins and picked up straight-set wins over two opponents from Niagara. During the first set of his semifinal match, Ryan Jurist '22 unfortunately had to take himself out due to injury. Sophomore Tim Zelikovsky won his first-round match on Friday. Zelikovsky later lost, but bounced back to triumph in a three-set match in the

consolation bracket. The scores were 6-2, 2-6, 10-8 with Zelikovsky coming out on top. Another Bison athlete Michael Owen '23 handily won the first singles consolation match 6-2, 6-1 against Lafayette.

On Saturday, first-year Nicolas Grunig '25 competed in the number two singles division. He triumphed in a three-set win against Saint Francis (4-6, 6-2, 10-6).

He was supposed to go up against Niagara on Sunday.

In the first doubles flight, Zelikovsky and Mueller lost in the semifinals. They were intended to play for third place on Sunday before the rain cancellation.

"The Bucknell fall invitational was a great way to start our season. I know I didn't perform to the best of my abilities this past week, but we're looking forward

to the upcoming fall tournaments, as well as the conditioning and training we're all undergoing to ensure we dominate the spring season and come out with a Patriot league title," Tim Zelikovsky said.

The Bison will look to build upon the success of this competition as they travel to Bloomsburg for the Bloomsburg Invitational next weekend.

Field Hockey Defeats Temple After Tough Loss at Villanova

Alivia Handson
Contributing Writer

On Sunday Sept. 5 the Bison field hockey team displayed tremendous resilience, scoring two goals in the second quarter to lift the team to a 2-1 victory over the Temple Owls. Mackenzie Kile '23 and Kari Melberger '24 led the Bison to their second win of the season. "It was such a good game, and we were pretty closely matched, but our teamwork and persistence is what helped us pull through with a win," Kile said.

In just the sixth minute of action, Temple intercepted a pass on the Bison half of the field and scored an open shot on goal, taking the 1-0 lead. After regrouping at the end of the quarter, the Bison responded in the first 24 seconds of the second quarter. The result of a space-clearing

lead made by Rachel Apa '24 and an amazing pass from Mary Kate Stefanowicz '22 created the opportunity for Kile to make a diving shot into the goal to tie up the game. Roughly 12 minutes had passed before the Orange and Blue took the lead. Melberger shot from the top of the circle off of a penalty corner served by Kile. This helped Kile earn her third point of the game and Melberger's third career goal.

Other notable standouts included rookie Lily Neilson '25 who had a team-high of three shots and upperclassmen Maddie Rehak '23 and Grace McEvoy '22 who each had one shot.

Sunday's victory helped the Bison morale after they fell short to the Villanova Wildcats 3-1 on Friday Sept. 3. The Wildcats came out

strong, scoring the first point of the game at the 7:15 mark. A second goal was scored off of a penalty corner at the 18:40 mark. The Orange and Blue continued to work hard as Neilson put one on the board in the third quarter to put the Bison in a fighting position. Erin Zielinski '22 earned her second assist of the season after she set up Nielson to score on a penalty corner.

Melberger led the Bison with three shots on goal and junior goalkeeper Clara McCormick had three saves out of the six on-frame Villanova shots. Bison efforts were strong, however a fourth quarter Villanova goal made the win out of reach. The loss put the Bison season record at 2-2. The Orange and Blue will be on the road to Lock Haven for their next game.

Bison Volleyball Competes at Penn Invitational

Rylee Donaldson
Contributing Writer

The Bison Volleyball team attended the Penn Invitational in its second weekend of non-league competition. The Orange and Blue experienced a 1-2 weekend, suffering losses to both Penn and Coppin State, but managing to secure a win over Canisius.

The weekend opened with a loss to the Penn Quakers 3-0 (25-15, 25-21, 25-21). Lisa Zoch '23 led the team with seven kills, but the Bison's 22 attack errors made it difficult to fight back. The Quakers capitalized on the Orange and Blue's errors to take the win after just three sets. After falling to the Quakers, the Bison went on to face Canisius and Coppin State.

The Bison came out strong against Canisius winning the first two sets (25-19 and 25-15). They then fell to Canisius in the third set (15-25), but came back in the fourth set (25-20) to beat the Griffins. Libby Nieporte '24, Zoch and Jennie Burke '22 all hit double figures in kills. These three combined for 38 kills to lead the Bison to a 3-1 win over Canisius. Sopho-

more Sarah Ramirez was also crucial in the win, accounting for 42 of the Bison's 49 assists.

"Our game against Canisius showed our perseverance when we came back strong after losing the night before," Ramirez said. "I'm so proud of our team and the ways that we are constantly improving."

In their last match of the weekend, the Bison fell to Coppin State 3-1 (13-25, 26-24, 25-10, 25-21). Cat Jamison '24 led the Orange and Blue with 11 kills on 23 attempts, attaining a .304 hitting percentage. Rookie Jordan Hardy '25 matched a season best 19 digs. The Bison looked strong early on opening with a victory in the first set. The Bison were unable to keep this rhythm through the next three matches, falling to the Eagles.

After a tough weekend at the Penn Invitational, the Orange and Blue will gear up to compete in their final non-league matches next weekend at the Cornell Invitational. The weekend opens with a match against Niagara on Friday, Sept. 10.

Men's Golf Places 10th Overall at Colgate Tournament

Morgan Sohosky
Contributing Writer

The Bison men's golf team traveled to Hamilton, N.Y. this past weekend for the annual Alex Lagowitz Memorial Tournament hosted by Colgate. There were 12 teams that attended including Yale, Seton Hall, Rhode Island, Colgate, St. Bonaventure, Cornell, Villanova, Lehigh, St. John's, Lafayette, Rider, and Holy Cross, and our own Bison. The team was in fifth after the first day of the tournament but struggled on the second day, finishing in 10th place overall.

Jason Lohwater '22 posted

a 3-under-par 69 after his first round, only two shots off the lead. After rounds two and three, posting a 2-over-par 74 and a 4-over-par 76, he finished in a tie for 13th place, the best individual finish on the team.

Jackson Bussell '23, the team's second best after the weekend, finished in a tie for 22nd, with consistent scores of 74, 74, 74 for a 222 to wrap up the weekend. Jack Gardener '23 finished in a tie for 27th, the third best individually, with scores of 73-73-77 for a 223 total. Michael Rudnick '25, one of the 3 first-years, finished with a 77-77-75 229 total for the weekend

with his first ever appearance for the Bison. Blake Wisdom '23 rounded off the weekend with a 5-over-par 77 to total 233 for the tournament. "It was good for us to get out and play again and we have a pretty new team. We didn't all play how we wanted to but it was a good start to get our season rolling," Wisdom said. Jake Maddaloni '25, similar to Rudnick, had his first appearance for the Bison as well, shooting 78,77,80 for a total of 235.

The Bison will travel to The Course at Yale in New Haven, Conn. this weekend to play in the Yale-hosted tournament.

Bison Dominant in Season-Opening Invitational

Nick Sperduto
Sport Co-editor

The Bison women's tennis team returned to the courts on Friday, Sept. 3, for the first time since May. Despite losing three players to graduation, the team is returning with plenty of firepower to contend for the Patriot League title and avenge their semi-final loss to Boston University just months ago.

It was an impressive showcase from the get-go, as senior captain Daniela Bellini opened play on Friday with a convincing 6-2 victory in the first flight of singles

matches. Tyne Miller '24 and Whitney King '25 joined Bellini in the quarterfinals of first singles, while three additional Bison reached the quarterfinals at second singles.

Ultimately, three singles players and three doubles pairs would advance to Sunday's finals. However, Sunday's play was canceled due to unfortunate weather, and we will have to wait to see a couple of highly anticipated "Bison vs. Bison" matchups. "The freshman and sophomores have already impressed me a lot," Bellini said. "They all care so much about doing well

not just individually, but as a team. I really want to be the best captain I can be for my team, and continue to learn and grow as a leader. I'm really excited about this upcoming season and I can't wait to see how this team does when we start dual matches in the spring."

With a unique combination of young talent and veteran leadership, we've seen enough to know that Bison women's tennis has a very high ceiling. The Orange and Blue are back in action this Friday when they will travel to Annapolis, Md. for Navy's annual Bill and Sandra Moore Invitational.

Bison water polo splits tough weekend at Navy Invitational

Laurel McHale
Staff Writer

The 17th ranked Bison headed to the Navy Invitational this past weekend, where they had competitions against Cal, Iona, UC Davis, and Salem.

In the first match, the Bison tied the game at one with 5:50 left in the first period on a goal by Andu Vlasceanu '23, but the Golden Bears stood strong. The Orange and Blue quickly fell into a deficit, as the third ranked Golden Bears started off strong, leading 14-3. Cal continued to plug away to a 20-8 victory against the Bison.

Although the first match was tough, the Bison came together to beat Iona. The Orange and Blue capitalized on 6-1 run to start the game and never looked back. The first goal of the game was at the 5:39 mark of the first period on a goal by Bison senior Josh Yardley, who had four in this game. Two straight goals from the Gaels pulled Iona to within three at the 4:10 mark

of the second period, but three straight goals from Ethan Jones '24, Hasan Mogultay '25 and Vlasceanu restored a six-goal advantage going into halftime. The Bison went on to win this game 16-11.

The Bison went 1-1 again on the second day of competition.

UC Davis came out strong with a 5-2 run against the Bison. The Orange and Blue managed to close the gap by halftime and only allowed one goal in the second period for the Aggies. The Bison continued its momentum from the first half to open the second, with Doruk Ozar '24 and Yardley each scoring once to make it four unanswered goals to tie the game at seven. The Aggies managed to send the game into overtime, making the score 11-11 with 42 seconds left in regulation. UC Davis scored two more goals to open overtime and take an 13-11 lead, before the Bison pulled within one with 1:27 to go. However, the Aggies would respond seconds later to take a 14-13 win.

The Bison came back from

their second loss on the weekend to score a win against Salem before heading back to Lewisburg. The Orange and Blue trailed entering the second period to the Tigers, 4-3, but a goal from Yardley and two by Mogultay gave the Bison a 6-4 advantage with three unanswered tallies. The Bison soon added four unanswered goals, and maintained their lead. The final score of this game was a commanding 15-10 win for the Orange and Blue.

"I believe the team played very well for our first weekend. In our first day against Cal and Iona we were able to get everyone in the water and see how people played together helping to build the team chemistry. And then on our second day we scratched the surface of our teams potential playing a one goal game against a top 10 team in Davis," Jack Otto '22 said.

The Bison will travel to Princeton, N.J. for the Princeton Invite on Sept. 11, starting the weekend off with a matchup against California Baptist.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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LISA ZOCH '23
WOMEN'S TRACK AND
FIELD

PROFILE

HOMETOWN: COLUMBIA, MD

HIGH SCHOOL: ATHOLTON HIGH SCHOOL

Clara McCormick
Senior Writer

After having their season end early last spring due to the spread of COVID-19, the Bison Volleyball team is ready to prove themselves this fall 2021 season. Lisa Zoch '23 has had a large role on the team since her freshman year. She has played in every match that the team has competed in since her arrival. The junior is an outside hitter from Columbia, Md., and lead the team this past season both in kills (63) and in points (72).

Thus far in the fall 2021 season, Zoch has proved herself a top player by making the All-Tournament team at the Delaware State Invitational that took place on Aug. 27 and 28. The team went 2-1, defeating opponents St. Francis Brooklyn and Saint Peter's, as well as falling to Delaware State. In the season opener against the Terriers, Zoch posted a career high 21 kills and a .415 hitting percentage, leading the team. In the match against the Hornets, Zoch also led the team in kills (13) and digs (12). For

her efforts at the invitational, Zoch earned herself Bison Athlete of the Week.

"This weekend was a great start to our upcoming season. We got to use some of the systems we've been working on in practice in a game-like scenario, as well as compete against new offenses," Zoch said of her successful weekend.

The Bison and Zoch were put to the test the following weekend, Sept. 3 and 4, at the Penn Invitational. They had matches against the University of Pennsylvania, Canisius College and Coppin State University. The team went 1-2 with the win against Canisius, and Zoch proved herself a very valuable player once again. In both the loss to Penn and the win against Canisius, Zoch led the team in various categories. Her leading stats were 7 kills and 2 aces against the Quakers, and 15 kills, an ace and 4 blocks against the Grifins.

This upcoming weekend, Sept. 10 and 11, the Orange and Blue will compete in their final invitational before league

play, the Cornell Invitational. Zoch has high hopes for both herself and her team. "Coming back from COVID, being allowed back on campus for preseason, as well as being able to have consistent team lifts and practices, has brought our team a lot closer this semester. The chemistry and energy on the court has been great, and I can't wait to see what we'll accomplish as we continue to work hard in the gym and grow together."

CAREER STATS

37 MATCHES
PLAYED
130 SETS PLAYED
276 KILLS
318 DIGS
32 ASSISTS
36 BLOCK ASSISTS

Bison fall on last minute goal to Saint Peter's

Cat Jamison
Contributing Writer

This past weekend on Saturday, Sept. 3, the Bison men's soccer team fell to the Saint Peter's Peacocks with a close score of 2-1. The game was highly competitive and head-to-head until the very end of double overtime.

The Orange and Blue were able to convert early on, when midfielder Brennan Gac '24 drove the ball to Jordan Miller '24, who was able to stay composed and finish past the keeper. This marks Miller's first collegiate goal with the Bison.

After scoring off a penalty kick in the second-half, the Peacocks were

able to score again in the run of play, securing a close 2-1 victory in double overtime.

Goalkeeper Bennett Schwartz '23 had four big saves, keeping the Orange and Blue in the game through double-overtime. Centerback, Colin Eifert '22 contributed to the Bison's offensive power with a number of strong throw-ins.

The Orange and Blue had a number of chances throughout the game to try and secure the victory, including shots from Gabe Dahlin '25 and Patrick O'Hara '22.

Despite a recent tough string of losses, the Bison

are optimistic and feel that these tough road games are certainly going to help them prepare for conference play.

"We've had to deal with a lot of changes throughout preseason and for the first few games, and we're looking forward to finding our stride as a team and putting the last pieces in place. Going into league play we're treating every game as a final and we are ready to surprise the rest of the conference," team captain O'Hara said.

The Bison are excited to be back on the road again this Friday Sept. 10 to take on Mount St. Mary's at 7 p.m.

BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

Baseball Immortality

Justin Schaumberger
Sports Co-Editor

The National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York is a shrine to the generations of storied athletes who have excelled at the sport. On Wednesday Sept. 8, a new group of outstanding players joined the list of 329 inductees to have their legacy forever enshrined in Cooperstown. The four individuals elected into the Hall of Fame were Marvin Miller, Derek Jeter, Ted Simmons and Larry Walker.

Getting voted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame is an exclusive feat that many do not achieve. In order to get inducted, a candidate must receive 75 percent of the possible votes. The voting is done by a select group of the Base-

ball Writers Association of America (BWAA) and no writer can give more than 10 votes on a given ballot. This makes it extremely difficult for candidates to be elected into the Hall of Fame. In fact, only about one percent of all Major Leaguers to ever play have made it to the Hall of Fame and the class of 2021 did not consist of any players, coaches, executives or umpires.

Among the group of four individuals elected in the class of 2020, the ceremony was postponed due to COVID-19, were three players and one executive. Marvin Miller was a driving force behind obtaining rights for baseball players. As the executive director of the Major League Players

Association, Miller helped the players negotiate their first collective bargaining agreement and secured a future for the pension fund. Despite becoming eligible on the ballot in 2003, it took until 2020 for Miller to receive the 75 percent of votes necessary to become a Hall of Famer. To many, Miller should've reached the 75 percent threshold long before. "Miller should be in the Hall of Fame if the players have to break down the door to get him in," said baseball legend Henry "Hank" Aaron. Sadly, Miller passed away in 2012 and never got to see himself become elected. However, his legacy will forever be enshrined for the baseball world to remember.

Similarly to Miller,

Larry Walker's election into the Hall of Fame was also long overdue. Walker, a Rockies legend, played a 16 year career that saw him make the All-Star team five times, win seven gold glove awards, three batting titles, and an MVP trophy in 1997. Walker became eligible on the ballot in 2011, but had never received more than 40 percent of the vote up until 2020.

Ted Simmons was the oldest player elected into the hall of fame in the class of 2020 having played most of his career in the 70s and 80s. A switch hitting catcher, Simmons hit for power and average and was a consistent player across his 20 year playing career. Simmons played the majority of his career for the St.

Louis Cardinals who have since retired his number 23. Simmons received numerous MVP votes throughout his career, but was never able to receive enough to win the award. Despite that, Simmons was an eight time All-Star and retired as one of the best hitting catchers of his time.

The most famous player from the class, Derek Jeter served as the shortstop for the New York Yankees for 19 seasons. He is one of the only 32 players to reach 3000 career hits and his 200 career postseason hits is 72 more than any other player ever. The five time World Series Champion was an All-Star 14 times and was the World Series MVP in 2000. His number 2 is also retired by the New

York Yankees. Jeter was also close to becoming the second player in history to become unanimously voted into the Hall of Fame. Jeter received 396 of a possible 397 votes on the 2020 ballot. The great Michael Jordan said, "I don't think anybody can say one thing bad about Derek. He is a complete champion. He carries himself like every professional baseball player, or professional athlete, should."

All of the members of the class of 2020 had a storied impact on the history of baseball in their own way. They are now enshrined forever in Cooperstown where their achievements and legacies will never be forgotten.

Cross Country Placed in the Bison Open

Emily Doyle
Senior Writer

This past Saturday, Sept. 4, the men and women's cross country team hosted the Bison Open. In this event, the men's team placed in the top six. The Bison won the meet, defeating Lafayette by 15 points. The following Bison fought hard to finish in the top six: Michael Donnelly '24 made his first collegiate debut and placed first, finishing with a time of 20:29:8. Brendan Millitt '24 came in second, his time was 20:30:0. Stephen Schousen, Brendan O'Toole '22, Harry Marson '25, and Owen Chase '22 finished after Donnelly and Millitt. Schousen, O'Toole, Marson, and Chase all finished with three tenths of a second from one another.

"I could not have envi-

sioned a better season opener and fitting start for this group of guys. The rest of this season is going to continue to surprise and excite as we have been putting in some extremely high quality work. The rest of the Patriot League may not know it yet, but Bucknell XC is as good as anyone. This roster is full of nothing but dogs. Brendan O'Toole — dog. Sam Whittaker — dog. Brendan Mellitt — dog. Ryan Miele — dog. Owen Chase — dog. Harry Marson — dog. Stephen Schousen — dog. Greg Eisenhower — dog. Could not be happier to be a part of this squad. A lot of big things ahead for these handsome gentlemen," Donnelly said.

The women's cross country team earned a vic-

tory over Lafayette and Juniata at the open as well. The Bison outscored the Leopards by 23 points. Emily Deschler '22, started out her season by coming in first in the Bison Open. Deschler won the three-mile course with a time of 17:48.7. Eight Bison runners placed in the top 10, Deschler being one of the eight. The others include Karly Forker '22, Lauren Trapani '25, Ally Clarke '24, Abby Paczewski '24, Keeley Misutka '25, Sarah Policano '25, and Kate Amadio '23.

It is easy to say that the University has started the season strong. The Bison's next race will be at Saint Francis on Saturday Sept. 11 at the Father Bede Invite. Good luck to all our runners!

Bison Football Drops Tough Season Opener to the Pioneers

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Sports Co-editor

The Bison football team struggled to find the end zone in their 2021 season opener at Sacred Heart University this past Saturday, Sept. 4. The No. 2 NEC ranked Pioneers outscored the Orange and Blue 21-0 after a scoreless first quarter of play.

The Bison defense put forth a strong effort against the offensive-minded Pioneers. It wasn't until 32 seconds left in the first half that the Pioneers got a break by the Bison defense, leading to their first touchdown. The Pioneers entered halftime with only a slight edge over

the Orange and Blue. It was in the second half that Sacred Heart expanded their lead.

Even while down, the Bison continued to fight until the final whistle. Their best opportunity came in the second half, following a Pioneers punt from their own end zone. The Bison failed to capitalize on this drive, however, eventually leading to another one of Sacred Heart's touchdowns.

There were 10 Bison who made their first career start in the season opener, six of which were on defense. This young team held their own, with only five out of the 22 starters having more than five career starts for the Bison.

Key contributor to the Bison defense, linebacker Blake Leake '24, remains optimistic following this weekend's result, admitting that "losing [wasn't] the outcome [they] wanted, but it felt good to be back on the field with fans in the stadium." After their abbreviated spring 2021 season with limited fan presence, Leake acknowledges the importance of having their fan base back in the stands.

The Bison have plenty of time to bounce back, with ten regular-season games remaining. The Orange and Blue will be back in action on Saturday, Sept. 11 at Villanova, which is set for a 6 p.m. kickoff.

Bison Women's Golf has a challenging weekend at the Nittany Lion Invitational

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The Orange and the Blue's women's golf team placed 14th of 14 in the Nittany Lion Invitational this weekend. The Bison golfed 36 holes on Saturday and had team scores of 318 and 317 going into their Sunday competition.

Cristina Canales '24 was the lowest scorer for the Bison as she had two birdies and 13 pars. Sahana Paravantavida '23 had a low round two score for the Orange and the Blue, which included four birdies and a pair of twos on par three holes.

Canales said, "The course was in very good condition and

the weather favored us. However, we weren't prepared to shoot as low as the other teams did."

Other solid scores for the Bison include: Kayla Yi '24 shot 79-82 and Sun Woo Jeon '22 shot 84-82. Morgan Sohosky '23 competed as an individual and shot 78-83.

When competing on Sunday, the Bison women's golf team placed 14th of 14, posting a 320 team aggregate ending their competition at the Penn State White Course.

Woo Jeon led the team with the lowest score on Sunday, shooting a 76 with 12 pars, a birdie, and five bogeys. Her performance was the second-best of her career.

Paravantavida also had a solid performance for the Orange and Blue, shooting a 77 in the final round. Paravantavida had a final score of 233 for the weekend, which was the best score for the Bison.

Canales had the top score after Saturday, but dropped to an 87 after Sunday's round.

The Yi twins also had a solid performance over the weekend, with Kelsey Yi '24 shooting 83 and Kayla Yi '24 shooting 84. Sohosky ended her individual performance with shooting 83.

The Orange and Blue Women's Golf team will next compete in Youngstown, Ohio at the Roseann Schwartz Invitational on Sept. 13 and, 14.

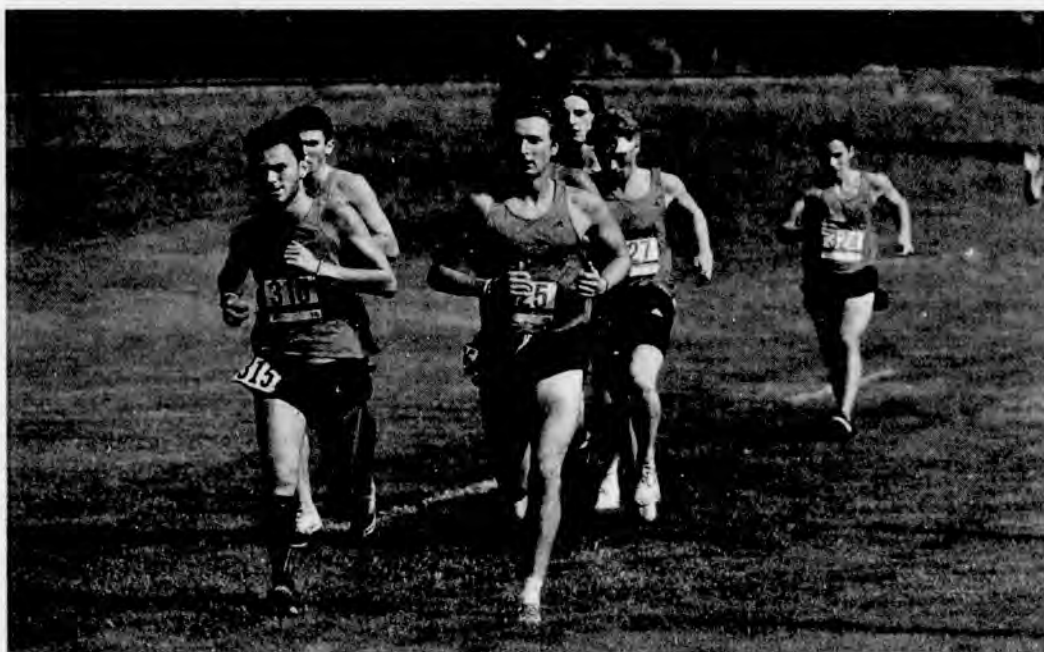


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Afghan refugees need help. Will the U.S. again fall short?

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The Taliban's quick rise to control in Afghanistan was a surprise for much of the watching world. Less of a surprise, however, are the abiding fears of human rights abuses and conflict in the country which just saw the end of a 20-year war. Female, LGBTQ+, and religious minority voices had a rare opportunity to flourish under the previous Western-friendly Afghan Republic. However, under Afghanistan's new (and old) government, their calls to the international community for support have been overwhelming. In the face of these terrifying realities, the United States should take the diplomatic initiative and help ensure that Afghan dissidents can safely escape the Taliban's governance.

Here, I am not commenting on the Biden administration's justification for the nature of the U.S. military's departure, nor the Bush administration's reasons for invasion in the first place. Those actions are history now. United States withdrawal, and Taliban control, is the current situation — a diplomatic, sociopolitical and cultural minefield which the international community must now work around. That is, the political occupation itself is now essentially a given, but the likely impending repression coming to millions of Afghan civilians is not, should other nations take appropriate action.

It's clear that the international response to the plight of these marginalized groups has been positively underwhelming. It was terrifying to watch humans with families cling to the side of an American plane leaving Kabul's airport in the hopes of refugee or asylum status. Such an action clearly signals the Afghan public's lingering fears of their new government. Why? Nearly all involved parties have recognized the unreliability of the Taliban's promises to provide amnesty to prior U.S. and Afghan government contacts. Conservative pundits have latched onto the heart-wrenching reports that those identities were disclosed to the Taliban by Americans. After 20 years of ouster from government by the American military and its allies, what would the Taliban do with that information?

Whether fears carried over from the situation prior to the 2001 U.S. invasion are well founded or not, the widely publicized scenes of last month's exit do little to truly describe the growing dread of the Afghan people. Instead, it's clear that life for those in Afghanistan could soon be fully unrecognizable once it is under

the control of an all-male government with worrying institutions like the "Ministry for Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice." What would this mean for minority groups in Afghanistan?

An anonymous Afghan student, writing for the BBC, noted that the Taliban has "attacked schools for [girls of my minority ethnicity] before, killing hundreds. So they will surely kill us, probably rape us, kill us. As a girl and also as a minority, there is no space for me in my own country." Another said, "As a gay person in Afghanistan... If I reveal myself to my family, maybe they will beat me, maybe they will kill me. [...] I don't think I will ever continue my education. My friends, I have lost contact with them. I don't know if they're okay."

What will happen to their identity? Their life?

Many more women, LGBTQ+ people, and Afghan religious minorities have expressed terror at the Taliban's takeover for those exact same reasons: fear of censorship, punishment, imprisonment or worse, for living the way they did under the previous government. They are faced with oppressive regimes likely to violate fundamental human rights and prevent political dissidents from seeking asylum elsewhere. What can be done to help them?

Most observers would agree that the answer is not continued occupation of a foreign country, nor the "nation-building" recently disavowed by Biden. The purported reason for the United States' continued Afghan presence is to fight terrorist groups and those that enable them. But, as with most matters of foreign policy, "those that enable them" isn't a clear cut category from the other side of the world. Instead, Western-style republican governments have many more challenges in an area in which they don't naturally arise. Thousands of arms across dozens of unique militia groups combined with famously mismanaged foreign aid have made such groups highly competitive with state and national governments for regional authority. In the Taliban's case, August showed that they and their allies were more than competitive with the Afghan fighters and their allies.

A former U.S. ambassador to Pakistan described Pakistani officials as repeatedly stressing, "We know you. We know you don't have patience for the long fight. We know the day will come when you just get tired and go home — it's what you do. But we aren't going anywhere — this is where we live. So if you think we are going to turn the Taliban into a mortal enemy, you are completely

crazy."

That is, the incentive for Afghanistan's neighbors to work against the Taliban — even those neighbors that are often allied with the United States — might not be nearly as intense as one would expect. Purporting to be a benevolent power in a foreign country doesn't mean much in the face of historically tribal and militant Afghan leadership. Instead, for a country like the United States, examining the nature of these human rights abuses and working on the ground becomes all the more important.

Now the moral imperative for the United States shifts: if we actually believe the Taliban's actions in Afghanistan are all that reprehensible, then we should actually act upon our lofty purported values. That means supporting Afghan families who are looking for a new home by granting them asylum status, with a path to citizenship. That means spending money to alleviate the notorious visa application backlog. That means funding NGOs that support the egress of dissidents and their families from Afghanistan. That means appropriately sanctioning oppressive regimes and moving business elsewhere, to states that share the United States' values of free speech and expression.

Neo-imperialist nation building only adds fuel to the fire of years-long hypocritical oppression of foreign countries. For the time being, it appears that the United States has learned that lesson the hard way: the Afghanistan War led to the death of 174,000 people, including over 47,245 civilians and 2,420 Americans. While it may be a relief to write that in the past tense, it doesn't excuse the sheer human loss of continued brutal war.

The United States should use its power in the world not to conquer more nations, as was exceedingly popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, but instead to use its outside global influence to help those who do not wish to live under the Taliban.

The protection of human rights for those under the foot of oppressive regimes should ring true for United States lawmakers. Moving forward we should expound upon the Statue of Liberty's promise. We must work to be the nation that can confidently say, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free," and make good on that vow.

The Afghan people, along with refugees around the world, are looking to the United States to breathe free again. Will we let them?

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On Thursday afternoon myself, along with several other people who had attended a small, unmasked gathering the previous week, were informed that we had been identified as potential "close contacts" of a COVID-positive peer. The gathering was organized by a local community action organization and had delegated one of its members as a contact tracer for the rest of the group; our tracing was thus completed by a member of that group, who advocated we all seek testing at the earliest possible time.

Knowing that vaccinated students were exempted from testing protocols at the University — we were not even provided with the option to schedule a test on Aura — one of our close contacts reached out to Student Health about our unique situation. At this point we were informed that the University would only test students if they were themselves symptomatic or if they were recently in contact with a positive individual. Despite our exposure to this person, we fulfilled neither of those conditions and were thus unable to be tested under the University's protocol at the time. (I will note that this policy, as of Wednesday, has been changed; the University now offers once-weekly testing for positive vaccinated individuals. This is a significant step in the right direction, but as I will explain here, does not address the larger issue of campus COVID response this semester).

On our own initiative, we instead decided to receive PCR testing from Evangelical Community Hospital's drive-thru testing center, waiting a full day in anticipation of results. When they failed to come in on the timeline described by the center's staff, we supplemented them with at-home rapid testing we purchased from CVS; our intention was to obtain some form of definite results before classes resumed. At this point we both received calls from University Contact Tracing. Expressing our confusion about policy, Contact Tracing assured us that, even in the presence of a positive case, asymptomatic students would not have to quarantine themselves.

So upon receiving results from the at-home rapid testing which suggested my roommate was positive for COVID-19, initially we assumed quarantining in the apartment would be sufficient. Indeed, perhaps it was a false positive; I had tested negative on the same extraordinarily sensitive test despite sharing housing; silverware, food, and oxygen with the supposedly positive roommate. Surely the University would provide immediate confirmatory testing to help us figure this out. This was not to be; instead, my roommate was told to pack up her things for a night in isolation housing. Even after a second rapid test was administered and returned back a negative result, the

University remained insistent that she spend the night at the "COVID hotel" pending results from Evangelical's PCR testing. At this point the Evangelical results showed no signs of returning, and University-provided testing was not to be administered until Monday — meaning she may be spending as many as two days in isolation, missing clubs, extracurriculars, and potentially even classes.

Through it all, the University's moratorium on remote class modality meant that all of us would not be able to quarantine effectively from these classes without some kind of official intervention from the University. Mind you, this is the same University Student Health which first refused and then delayed our requests for testing to the following week, provided us with multiple instances of directly conflicting information, offered almost no guidance on the process of seeking out, receiving or reporting to relevant authorities the results of testing, and immediately isolated a student based on a self-administered test that they neither confirmed nor witnessed.

In her May 21 outline to campus about Fall 2021 instruction, Provost Mermann-Jozwiak noted that students experiencing difficulty with the return to exclusively in-person classes should follow the accommodations process through the Office of Accessibility Resources (OAR), which registers students with physical and learning disabilities. Whether isolation from COVID-19 constituted a "disability" sufficient to receive accommodations, or whether the OAR would even process the request form on the extremely short notice that COVID-19 usually offers, the Provost did not explain. For potentially positive students, this opacity provides a powerful disincentive to be transparent with the University about one's COVID status.

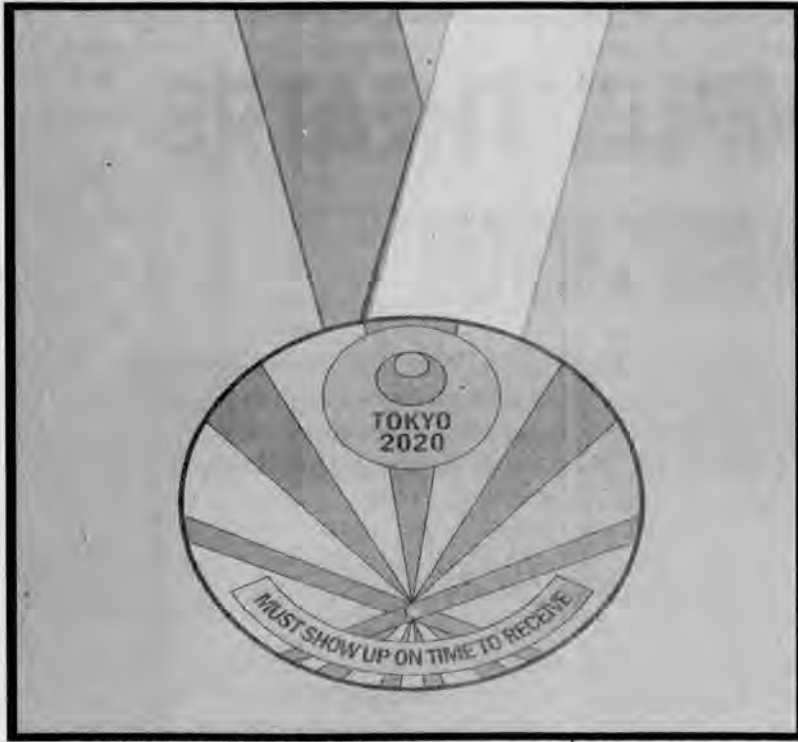
Regardless if our experience derives from lack of communication, adverse circumstances, or opacity of policy, it was consistently an uphill battle — against the University — to act responsibly in the midst of a deadly pandemic. Literally hours of time and hundreds of dollars were spent to receive testing results between us close contacts. Discontinuing online and hybrid modalities while barring professors from utilizing them, as well as informing us that asymptomatic positive cases explicitly did not need to be quarantined before isolating students based on unconfirmed, at-home positive testing, gave us further pause in acting with tact or accountability. In all these circumstances, the University displayed a worrying lack of responsiveness to the obstructions presented to potentially positive students. Such oversight is especially worrying in the shadow of the Delta variant, responsible for increasing case numbers and hospitalizations in children and young people, as well as hundreds of thousands of breakthrough cases.

There are some readers who will object that we, the close contacts, acted irresponsibly in joining a small gathering without masks. I challenge those readers to defend the University's putting on two nights of concerts attended by hundreds if not thousands of University students, scores of them (to judge by pictures taken of the event) lacking masks. I also challenge them to explain why massive attendance at Super Saturday or the Friday evening fraternity parties does not draw their opprobrium. And I would like to be clear that I am not necessarily attacking either of those functions, but simply explaining that perfectly normalized and often explicitly University-sanctioned events could easily lead to very much the same results as ours.

Lastly, I will point out that we consistently acted well in excess of our responsibilities in getting tested, reporting those results voluntarily and repeatedly drawing attention to our situation. Nothing in University policy required us to — at our own expense — obtain PCR testing from Evangelical or at-home rapid testing from CVS, both of which the University relied on to determine whether or not some of us would be isolated. Nothing required us to consistently reach out to Contact Tracing or Student Health about our situation, beyond our own health concerns and sense of civic responsibility. Indeed, our frantic search for answers was often completely improvised, for lack of comprehensive (or even consistent) University guidance. While the new COVID-19 testing policy meaningfully protects vaccinated students worried about exposure to a COVID-positive individual, the jumbled response we observed seems to extend well beyond testing to encompass class accommodations, isolation policy and communication between University institutions. It is clear that, at the very least, the full process of testing to isolation and release needs to be comprehensively laid out for students and staff as in previous semesters.

Yet, even with the capacity to volunteer for testing as a vaccinated student, very few individuals would choose to sacrifice time, energy and academic responsibilities for the chance at being isolated in an off-campus hotel for several days without the ability to attend class. Many University students may simply ignore indications they had been exposed to a COVID-positive individual, and the University would be none the wiser if it occurred off-campus. Administration must not only clarify its Fall 2021 COVID policy, but provide robust accommodations and assurances for positive cases. No student should feel forced to choose between protecting the public health and meeting their academic obligations, but current University policy makes that choice immediate and pressing.

Three Minutes From Gold



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We have all been late to an event. Whether you are a few minutes late to a class, a presentation, or a dinner with friends, we are not perfect, and we sometimes slip up. Now, imagine showing up late to a competition. It is your time to compete, and you are just a few minutes late due to valid reasons. Should you be punished for your tardiness, or is an apology enough? Malaysian athlete Muhammad Ziyad Zolkefli, a Paralympian competing in the Tokyo Paralympics, was three minutes late to his event. After winning the men's shot put F20 on Tuesday, his gold medal was stripped because of his tardiness.

At the time of the competition, the reason for Zolkefli's lateness was deemed logical, which allowed him to compete that day. "They may have had a logical reason for being late," and "therefore, we allowed them to compete and look at the facts of the matter afterward," International Paralympic Committee (IPC) spokesman Crag Spence said. The IPC should not have let this slide. If they are going to allow the athletes to compete after being late if the reason is "logical,"

then the athletes should not face any penalties. Instead, the IPC should have instituted a policy to deny the athletes from competing rather than strip an athlete of their reward; referees should have stopped Zolkefli from participating. Their decision was a smack in the face to Zolkefli and was not justifiable.

After allowing the athletes to compete, a referee stated that there was no justifiable reason for the athletes' tardiness to the event. Eager viewers at home and abroad became enraged as they watched Zolkefli be stripped of his gold medal. Just when their anger seemed at its peak, the gold was handed to Maksym Koval of Ukraine, who had just won silver. Why was Zolkefli stripped of the medal he had worked so hard to earn? Zolkefli said he couldn't "hear the announcement or it was in a language" he couldn't understand. One would think that the PIC and referees would be more understanding. Three minutes determined the fate of Muhammad Ziyad Zolkefli in the 2021 Tokyo Paralympics. With the Paralympic jury appeal backing up the referees' claim, the athlete was stripped of his well-earned medal and record-breaking throw. The IPC, through

World Para Athletics Rule 5.5, requires that all athletes be present at the beginning of their event in order to be considered in events.

Stripping this world record-breaking throw of 17.94 meters (58.85 feet) after allowing him to compete was not acceptable. Zolkefli's supporters shared that they would have rather seen the athlete not compete that day due to his mistake than watch him be stripped of a well-deserved gold medal. A post on social media by Malaysian Parliamentarian Fahmi Fadzil reads, "Absolutely disgraceful! You should not have allowed the athletes to compete if they were late. Don't steal this hard-earned, world record-breaking medal from Ziyad." Fadzil said. This was wrong of the Paralympic Committee as they should've made the decision before rather than after Zolkefli participated in the competition. The National Sports Council of Malaysia has been ordered to investigate the issue and find if the athlete's reason for his lateness is justifiable. Fans of Muhammad Ziyad Zolkefli shared on Twitter that although he was stripped of a world record and a gold medal in the Tokyo Olympics, he will always remain a champion in their eyes. A champion in their eyes.

Bad news for Newsom; California Governor Reelection Campaign

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With a week left until California's Governor Gavin Newsom's recall election, gubernatorial shuffling seems to be populating our post-COVID headlines given the quick replacement of New York's Governor Andrew Cuomo. Both of these posts, previously filled by loyal Democratic affiliates, hold great influence over the Democratic Party's ability to legislate effective policy, both locally and federally. From the Democratic Party's perspective, officials are holding that Newsom's recall election is nothing more than a campaign optics issue in the wake of defamation from former President Donald Trump's reelection campaign. Despite this, Republican politicians have struck a nerve among California Republicans fixated on the everlasting bitter effects of President Trump's defeat, "Trumpism." This, factored with heavy Democratic competition depicting Newsom as a "non-starter" due to lagging COVID responses in wake of the national crisis, has brought Newsom a 43.8% disapproval rating peaking until August 24.

This consequential recall election has placed California's government in a state of pandemonium, with the LA Times reporting, "many regarded it as one of those weird California things, like crystals or having kale for breakfast. How could a rea-

sonably popular Democrat in a solidly Democratic state possibly be tossed out of office?" Nonetheless, Newsom concludes his ads with ironic rhetoric, "we could have an anti-vax Republican Governor of California. So do your part to stop the spread."

Newsom's runner-up, popular talk-show host, author, and Republican politician Larry Elder, is the direct target of this response — despite him being vaccinated himself, but supporting the choice. Adding even further irony to the situation, the man who filed a petition to recall Newsom, Orrin Heatlie, was himself diagnosed with COVID while unvaccinated on September 7.

Elder poses a major threat to California's notoriously blue electoral college votes and extensive campaign funds through local policy jurisdiction. He also seeks to take the influence that comes with being Governor, and therefore that of the Democratic Party. With haste, some of the most famous and influential Democrats wielded their powerful endorsements, coming from President Joe Biden, first female Vice President Kamala Harris, and Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer. This response also comes with the prediction "suggesting Republicans and anti-Newsom voters were far more likely to turn out than Democrats and other supporters of the governor," according to the LA Times. "Trump and na-

tional Republicans launched a despicable attempt to kick Gov. Newsom out of office. It's going to take a massive grassroots effort from Democrats everywhere to turn out every last voter" for Newsom to win, Schumer said. Schumer also supported the first female Governor of New York as a replacement to Gov. Andrew Cuomo and even went as far as to personally appear as a guest speaker at her 2022 campaign fundraising events. Why is Schumer weighing in on the next Governor of New York? Finally, why is he influencing an election in California?

As a typically left-leaning voter, I still find it crucial to weigh the values of all parties when I tick the ballot; I especially evaluate the recent actions of my own party. Under a nation with a 10th Amendment reserving federal authority — instead of giving powers to State governments despite acknowledging a diversity of relationships between the Federal and State — it is clear that the DNC is using fame and polarization to cloud the public arena. When the spotlight of a government election becomes about other politicians and not about the candidate at hand, the people are left in disconnect, and voters' values are neglected. While increasing voter engagement is a concern I share as well, in a nation "for the people, by the people," these endorsements were a step too far.

The implications of Senate Bill 8

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On Sept. 1, 2021, the U.S. Supreme Court failed to block Texas Senate Bill 8, once again proving that while the First Amendment is guaranteed to all Americans, it is apparently only applied in practice by and for Evangelical Christians. This new legislation, commonly known as a "heartbeat bill" — the likes of which are in the process of being passed in multiple red states across the country — prohibits abortion six weeks after conception, before most women know they are pregnant. The mechanics of the bill place the law in the hands of private citizens by allowing any American to sue those involved in the obtaining of an abortion for up to \$10,000. The simple fact that Texas has effectively placed a bounty on the heads of anyone (even rideshare drivers) who "aid and abet" an otherwise perfectly legal medical procedure is a disturbing precedent in and of itself. Potentially even more disturbing, however, is the fact that the ban provides no exception for victims of rape or incest, or in instances of medical necessity where the life of the mother would be threatened by carrying the pregnancy to term.

Effectively, the Texas legislature has banned abortion for all women and given no consideration to the health and safety of any child-bearing person in their state. One immediately thinks of

rape survivors already dealing with the trauma of their assault, now being forced to carry out a similarly traumatic pregnancy. One thinks of children as young as eleven, who would likely not survive the process of carrying a pregnancy to term. One thinks of the medical emergencies that can arise: the undeniable irresponsibility of a state placing the lives of unborn fetuses over the health, well-being, and survival of its women. Most importantly, however, one thinks of the blatant religious and governmental overreach of a legislative body overriding constitutionally guaranteed bodily autonomy with religious dogma. The simple fact is, despite how jarring the methodology and extent of this ban is, the reasoning behind a woman receiving an abortion is between her and her medical provider — no one else, and certainly not a body of religious individuals using their morals to violate the freedoms of other citizens.

The tragic reality of this ban is that it has been a long time coming. The remnants of the Trump administration are persistent in many facets of American governance, most prominently in his three Supreme Court nominees — all of whom voted to allow this ban to take effect. Anti-abortion as a concept, however, extends much further back; the war on women began a long time ago, and how we define that war is crucial. The war on women, as it has

always existed, is rooted in exploitation. It takes form by denying others' bodily autonomy and in the refusal of medical care that can define a woman's future. It takes form by valuing religious subjectivity over the objective truth of human rights, and it takes shape in the disproportionate effects of anti-abortion on the working class and women in minority communities. The war on women is certainly not a war on all women — the daughters and mistresses of supposedly religious Texas legislators will always have access to abortion. It is impoverished women, women of color, and women who are survivors of abuse that will be negatively impacted.

This law conveniently comes at a time when, teenage pregnancy and child-related poverty are on the decline; birth control and access to abortion have allowed women to further their socioeconomic status, giving them relative control over their lives and futures — a mere glimpse at equality. Why, then, rip abortion access away without considering the already overrun foster care system, sparse availability of childcare and education, lack of universal healthcare, or any other policies that would support young mothers? Despite what politicians have peddled for decades, the answer has never been Christianity. The answer has always been patriarchal power. In short: those

in power need abortion to disappear to maintain their own status via control over the lives and bodies of women in this country. There is no exception for rape victims in this law because the Texas legislature does not care about rape victims. In fact, refusing to legislate this exception serves their interests — it extends the patriarchy and imbalance of power. Similarly, the Texas legislature does not care about teenage pregnancy or the inevitable rise of maternal mortality. There are no proposed policies that would support young mothers because Texas — as well as all the other states who will now impose similar legislation — thrive off of the proliferation of poverty, mortality, and exploitation among working-class women and women of color. Whether each individual who contributed to this law truly believes they are acting in the name of Christianity or not, their impact is inevitably anti-Christian. Legislating to end abortion is not pro-life; it is pro-birth, and it is pro-exploitation of women and their children. For those reasons, Texas Senate Bill 8 should only be seen as an extension of that ever-present war on women — and the Supreme Court's failure to block such a blatant disregard for religious liberty and the right to autonomy can only be categorized as cowardice and complicity.

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SPOTLIGHTING THE CAMPUS THEATRE'S HISTORY

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Downtown Lewisburg's Market Street is home to a combination of modern retailers and eateries alongside traditional institutions, which hold historical significance to the borough. One of these treasured landmarks is the Campus Theatre. The Theatre, built in 1941, is one of the few remaining single-screen Art Deco movie houses dedicated to promoting cinema and historic preservation. "There is no other place like it," according to the Campus Theatre's website.

Film & Media studies professor Eric Faden describes the history behind the Theatre's construction. According to Faden, the Steifel Brothers ran a movie theater empire spanning New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. They would come to be responsible for the establishment of 11 Pennsylvania theaters. The Brothers initially managed a much smaller theater where Cole's Hardware is today. They saw promise in Lewisburg as a cultural center in the greater Susquehanna Valley and took a chance to build a larger theatre with hopes to fill 25 percent of the community. David Supowitz, the architect behind the Campus Theatre, designed the new Market Street Theatre, the Philadelphia Film Center, the Roxy Theatre in Northampton, Pa. and the Harbor Square Theatre in Stone Harbor, NJ. The brothers took a leap of faith building a city theater in a suburb of rural America.

January 17, 1941, marked the Campus Theatre's opening night exhibit-

ing the 1940 Jack Benny and Fred Allen musical comedy, "Love Thy Neighbor." The Theatre attracted large audience numbers, being the only air-conditioned Theater in Central Pennsylvania. Longtime Lewisburg resident, Carol Brann, spent most of her childhood at the Theatre, her mother a cashier and her father the projectionist working an amassed 80 years for the Theatre. She would eventually start working there when she turned 14. The Theatre was indeed a place for everyone. Every Saturday, the Steifels offered free movies for the local kids and even showed double features if they were lucky.

The Theatre has always been a deeply uniting pillar of the community. Former Mayor of Lewisburg, Judy Wagner, takes us back, "Nobody could walk downtown without seeing Harold [Steifel] resting atop a meter, greeting everybody, talking to everybody." In addition, Harold Steifel and his wife, Jacquie, worked closely with the community to start many outreach programs through the Theater. Bringing a big-city entertainment venue to small-town Lewisburg was a financial risk, but it definitely helped to have a University around the corner.

Faden purchased the Theatre in 2001 from the Steifel Family to start The Campus Theater Ltd. as a non-profit organization. The University eventually took formal ownership of the Theater's build-

ing by 2006 and leased it to the organization for just \$1 a year.

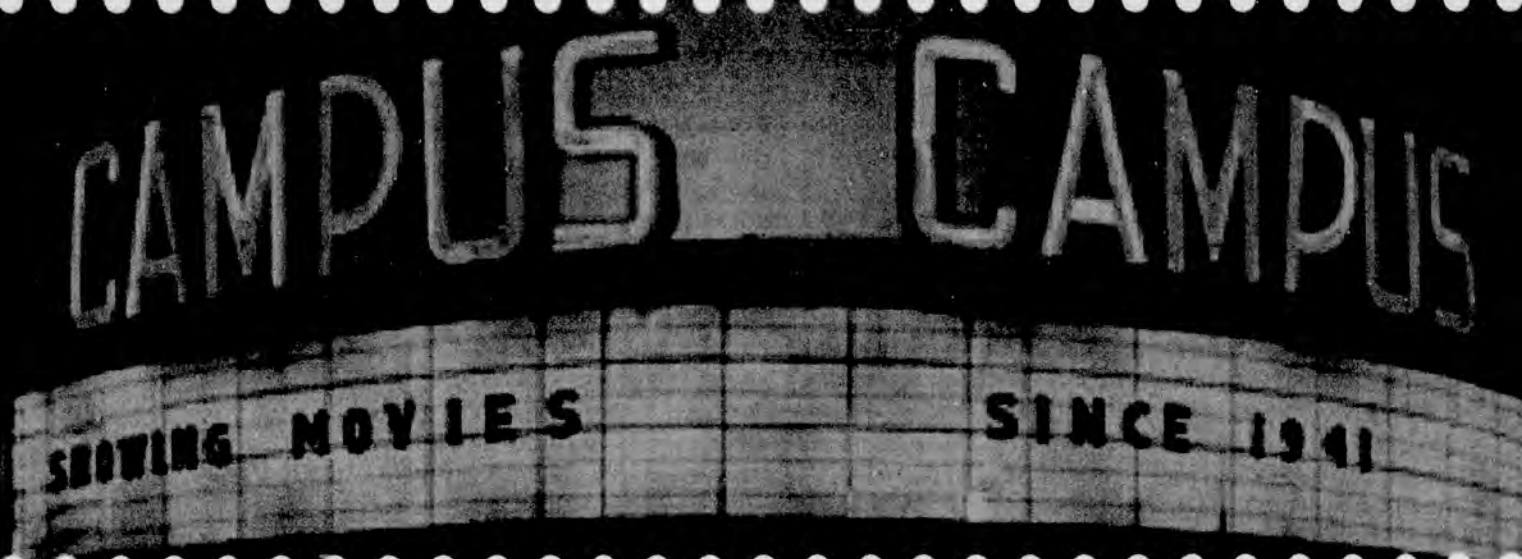
Under Bucknell's ownership, the Theatre underwent a \$2.5 million six-month refurbishment in 2011. To preserve the historical heritage of the Theatre and maintain its place in the community, Bucknell University undertook a major renovation. Bucknell alumnus John Hartmann '79, applied his BA in Art and Chemistry to the forefront of the near and dear project to his heart. Hartmann and his team of theater staff, along with the University's Engineering and Design department, repaired lost architecture, upgraded its systems and infrastructure and installed state-of-the-art theater movie and sound systems. Hartmann said, "I am proud of the work that we have done here and also, as a Bucknell student, I have the chance to come back here and work on something like this. It is going to be wonderful for the future of this town and the University. And I look forward to coming back here for years."

Even though the Campus Theatre is an independent entity and non-profit, the University provides financial support to keep it relevant in a new world of streaming services. In addition, the Film/Media Studies department has nurtured a great partnership with the Theatre through stewardship and preservation of the architectural wonder this Theater is in the 21st century. According to its website, "The

Campus Theatre is committed to presenting diverse film programming with a healthy balance of popular, fine art and independent films that are culturally relevant and bring understanding to contemporary concerns."

The orange and blue tile exterior and the bison emblem front and center clearly represent the bond between the University and the Theatre. The neon letters of the vintage marque pop out into the street and can be spotted from down the road. The immaculate interior design of the lobby and auditorium has retained much of the original Art-Deco elements. The University's influence even lies throughout the building's interior if you look close enough. It keeps a more muted orange and blue color theme in its murals. The auditorium itself holds two massive murals of Greek-like sculptures, a male and female stand directly across from each other. Before the lights dim, the chandeliers bring light to the floor-to-ceiling detail. Then, as the red velvet curtain draws unveiling the screen, the Theatre transports you to another place at another time.

The heightened viewing experience the Theatre offers is unlike anything in today's modern world. So instead of choosing to watch the newest movie on Netflix, go to the Theater for an immersive viewing experience. Take an hour to escape the occasional monotony of campus life and travel to another world the Theatre has to offer.



Visit the Campus Theatre website <https://www.campustheatre.org/find-us> for information and showtimes or pop in for a visit. It's only a 5-minute walk from campus! They run a show every night, and screenings are free to the public on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, thanks to the Bucknell Film and Media Studies department.



Jean lawsuit against University dismissed

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On September 10, a federal judge dismissed former University student John Jean's lawsuit against the University.

The decision was announced a year to the day after the alleged hazing, negligence, and negligence per se occurred at the former Kappa Delta Rho fraternity house on Strohecker Farm Lane.

University President John Bravman briefly addressed the results while speaking to new fraternity bid recipients on Sunday.

"We just had a lawsuit against [the University] dis-

missed on Friday, with prejudice," President Bravman said, meaning another amended complaint may not be filed against the University in this case. However, Director of Communications Mike Ferlazzo further explained that "the court's decision is subject to appeal to the Third Circuit and the case continues for the chapter, the national organization and the Bucknell students who must still respond to the allegations of hazing that are still pending in the court."

Jean's argument focused on an alleged pattern of hazing at the University, citing recent misconduct or removal of two Greek-letter organiza-

tions, as well as the men's swimming and diving team and the Bison Chips.

His attorney wrote that because so many organizations had been removed, "it was foreseeable to [the University] that its training, prevention, enforcement and response to hazing was insufficient and it recklessly encouraged [University] students to haze pledges and fellow students."

Judge Matthew W. Brann said last week that Jean did not establish "that Bucknell was aware or should have been aware that hazing would occur at the September 10, 2020 Iota Chapter initiation event."

Unless the University was "aware that hazing would occur at [Jean's] initiation event, the Court cannot conclude that [the University] consciously disregarded a substantial and unjustifiable risk that Jean would be subjected to hazing."

Because Judge Brann dismissed the suit with prejudice, Jean cannot continue his case without filing with a federal appeals court.

President Bravman used his Sunday afternoon remarks to denounce hazing on campus, saying, "there is zero tolerance and acceptance of hazing. I know what goes on. I know what [my fraternity]

did. I was buried alive in a coffin," President Bravman said, referring to his pledge process at Stanford. "We don't do that anymore."

"I spill a lot of psychological blood defending you," he said, eyeing the new pledge class. Bravman noted long-existing opposition to the Greek system on campus by some, citing those who would "make [Greek life] disappear" if they could.

President Bravman cautioned the students there that the future of Greek life on campus is up to them and warned of the pressures and temptations that lead students to engage in harmful behavior.

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Athletes not required to wear masks in varsity weight room

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Going into another semester during the COVID pandemic, the University has continued maintaining and updating policies and procedures for students, faculty and staff. One of these policies is masking. According to the University's website, "Face coverings are required of everyone in all public and academic indoor campus spaces, regardless of social distancing or vaccination status."

This excludes outdoor and private areas, as well as dining areas when actively eating or drinking.

The Krebs Family Fitness Center, the University's public indoor gym facility, is one of the places designated as a public area that requires masking. The Fitness Center is open to all University students, faculty & staff, and individuals who have purchased memberships.

While the Fitness Center is designated as a public indoor location, the varsity weight room is not. The space, which is reserved for varsity athletes, is considered to be a private location.

This means that masks are not required, although they are recommended. "The Varsity Weight Rooms are designated as private spaces due to being a team-scheduled area that is supervised at all times by our

professional strength/performance staff. As a private space, the department implements COVID mitigation strategies beyond those in the public spaces of KLARC." Deputy Director of Athletics, Tim Pavlechko said. "The additional safety and cleaning measures include — team-focused scheduling and equipment assignments; adjusted maximum occupancy limits; physical distancing strategies within the large-volume spaces; extended hours; supervised cleaning of equipment performed by student-athletes and professional staff before, during and after each workout; symptom and illness tracking by each sport's licensed athletic trainer; and, use of additional air and surface disinfection technologies in the spaces," Pavlechko said.

Other designated private spaces on campus are dorm rooms, residential common rooms and private faculty offices. These rooms generally have two to three people in them at any given time, with residential common spaces tending to have the most people in them with maybe 10 or 15 on a particularly busy day.

The varsity weight room, albeit larger than most common rooms, is reserved by team. On top of that, they are participating in physical activity, which leads to

heavier breathing.

While student-athletes are required to have a negative PCR result 72 hours before, or a negative antigen result 24 hours before competing, they are not required to test regularly unless they are unvaccinated. Even though there are additional cleaning precautions, according to the Centers for Disease Control website: "the principal mode by which people are infected with SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) is through exposure to respiratory droplets carrying infectious virus. It is possible for people to be infected through contact with contaminated surfaces or objects (fomites), but the risk is generally considered to be low."

The limitations on student-athletes are the same as students who are not athletes regarding gathering and traveling. This suggests that the University acknowledges student-athletes and non-student athletes have equal ability to contract COVID-19.

"Our sports medicine team (athletic trainers, team doctors, administrators) evaluates our Resocialization of Athletics Activity Action Plan on a daily basis to safely support the activities of our Division I student-athletes," Pavlechko said.

Club Spotlight: Bucknell Friends of MSF, Doctors Without Borders

Jessie Castellano
Staff Writer

Bucknell Friends of MSF is a chapter of Médecins Sans Frontières, more commonly known as Doctors Without Borders, and is dedicated to raising awareness and knowledge about MSF's work regarding humanitarian issues.

They seek to provide support and raise money for advocacy campaigns and encourage students to consider working with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as MSF post-graduation.

The club consists of around 60 members, and aside from meeting regularly to discuss Doctors Without Borders' work and to educate themselves on current global disparities, they organize numerous advocacy events throughout the year to educate the campus community about MSF's global medical efforts and highlight global health issues.

Throughout the past year and a half, with COVID-19 becoming a worldwide issue, MSF was active and determined in tackling tragedies throughout the world. To highlight some of the pressing issues MSF has worked through, they launched emergency intervention throughout 2020 to help vaccinate more than 340,000 children, provided

over 60,000 liters of drinking water a day to combat devastating floods in South Sudan, gave medical care to victims of the explosion in Lebanon, aided refugees in Ethiopia, and provided medical care and mental health services to migrants along the United States-Mexico Border. Needless to say, the University's chapter of Friends of MSF is working to make the world a better place.

The Chairperson of the Special Events Committee and senior member Emily Deschler '22 believes in the important work of Doctors Without Borders and the University's support and awareness for the cause. "I love collaborating with club members to plan and organize fundraising events to raise money for MSF. Last year's virtual fundraising drive, Bucknell Beyond Borders, was a huge success as our club exceeded our fundraising goal and raised over \$5,400 to support MSF's response to emergencies around the world. I feel very blessed to be able to contribute to MSF's mission of providing lifesaving medical aid to those who need it most," Deschler said.

Bucknell Friends of MSF already has a lot to be proud of through its work and committed members, yet it welcomes any member of the University who is

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First year students prepare for the opening of "Anxious People"

Dora Kreitzer
Contributing Writer

On Sept. 17, this year's first production of "Anxious People" will open just in time for the University's Family Weekend.

The show itself is a series of skits, each dealing with a different theme, such as hope or guilt, that will resonate with audience members. Writer Carol Y. Lee hoped to portray everyday human experiences and break down the stigma around discussing anxiety.

Ashleigh Marmer '25 plays "D," an older sister that struggles to connect with her family because she is constantly busy at work and prefers to spend her free time watching movies.

"I think that there are some points in the show

where the audience is sitting there a little confused and then you realize 'oh wait, I'm the anxious person right now,'" Alice Jackins '25, the show's stage manager said.

Both Jackins and Marmer said that the show's message was a large incentive for joining the cast, it was extremely relevant and unlike any performance they had done before.

"We're at a point in time where more and more people are struggling with anxiety or being open about the fact that they struggle with anxiety, and I think it's something that a lot of college students can relate to, especially first years in this new experience," Jackins said.

The first-year show, a time-honored tradition at the University, presents an opportunity for first-year

students to get involved in the theatre department, continue passions they had before arriving on campus, and have creative experiences outside of their typical coursework.

Jackins, for example, was given the opportunity not only to stage-manage but also work as the show's lighting designer.

However, while the cast is entirely first-years, they are not the only people involved in the show.

For example, Abby Strayer '22 is directing the show, and there were many other upperclassmen involved in the production process behind the scenes. Jackins and Marmer noted that they, and some other first-years, appreciated the older students' guidance this early in their University experience.

As opening night ap-

proaches, the cast and crew, many of whom have been on campus for less than a month, are excited and fittingly anxious about opening night. For some of the actors, this is their very first time performing; for all of them, this will be their first time sharing their talents with their new classmates.

Marmer said that since she was cast, "the production process has been extremely enjoyable. Everyone involved in the show truly wants to put on the best performance possible."

"Anxious People" has two shows: 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17, and Saturday, Sept. 18 at the Harvey M. Powers Theatre. Tickets cost \$7 and can be purchased at the box office or on the box office website: <https://bucknell.edu/BoxOffice>.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

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interested in supporting access to quality medical care for all, regardless of race, religion, political affiliation, or socioeconomic status. The club meets bi-weekly and encourages its members to get more involved in organizing advocacy campaigns and fundraisers and help spread awareness through their social media accounts by

joining the Advocacy Committee, the Special Events Committee, or the Social Media Committee.

New members can join by contacting Chapter President Rosie Burynski '23 (rab068@bucknell.edu), or DMing the club's Instagram account! Be sure to check out and support their Instagram and Twitter pages (@bucknell_fomfsf)!

JEAN LAWSUIT

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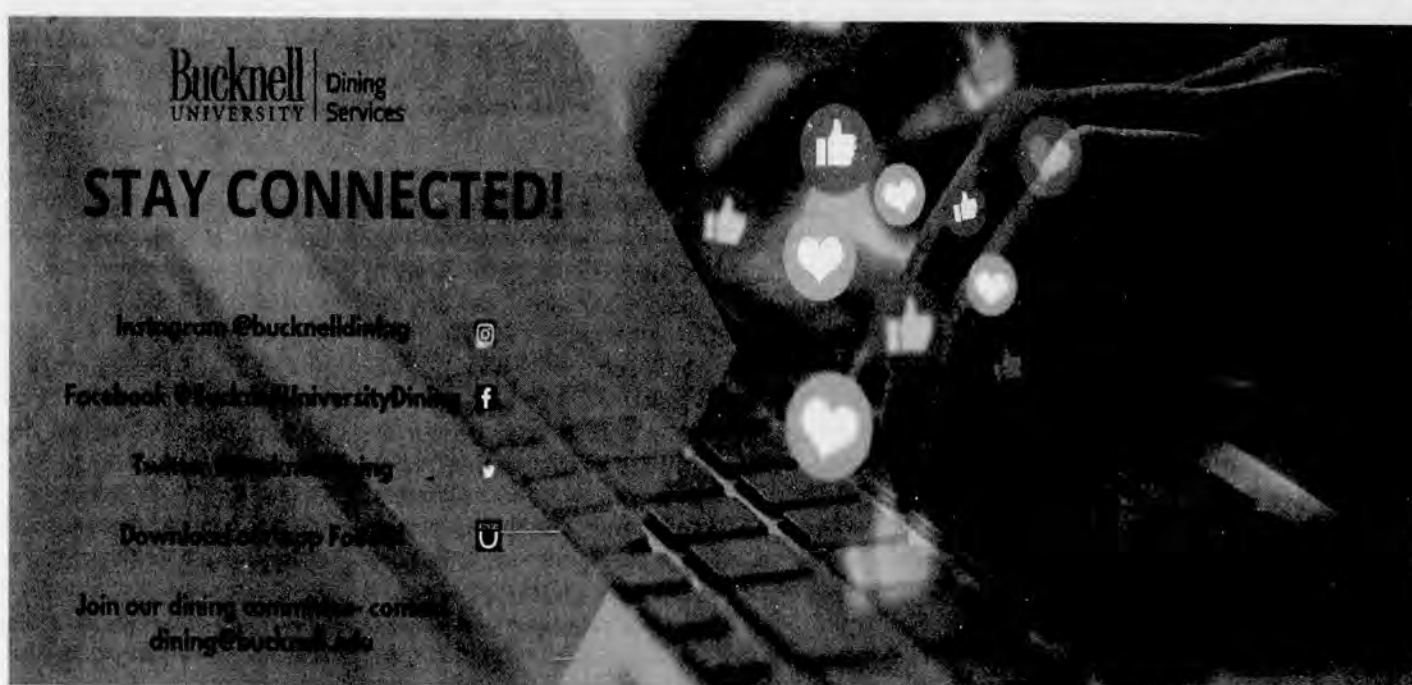
Bravman concluded, "You have to help me do my job... Give me less to defend and more to celebrate and I promise you, I'll do that. That's the best I can offer you."

The national and local chapters of the fraternity, as well as three students, were named in the original lawsuit; litigation against them is still ongoing. Jean accused those other parties of false imprisonment, assault and infliction of emotional distress in his September

22, 2020 complaint.

Ferlazzo provided an additional statement to the University in a Sept. 16 email which averred that "Bucknell was not aware and could not have been aware that hazing would occur at the chapter initiation event. The court agreed that the University cannot be held legally responsible for the alleged hazing."

"The safety and well-being of our students is Bucknell's No. 1 priority," Ferlazzo continued.



BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.

Brief by Juliette Gaggini and Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

DOMESTIC

Documents released on Wednesday, Sept. 15, from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) show skepticism from experts on the need for a booster vaccination against COVID-19. Debate continues amongst the scientific community on who would potentially need a booster vaccine or whether they should be given at all. In the FDA documents, they admit that there may simply not be an answer right now.

The first all-civilian crew of four people will travel to space aboard SpaceX's mission, set to launch on Wednesday. Billionaire Jared Isaacman is one notable person aboard the ship.

INTERNATIONAL

Prime Minister of Haiti, Ariel Henry, was banned from leaving the country amid an investigation on his possible involvement in the killing of President Jovenel Moïse. Prosecutors are also seeking Henry's linkages with key suspect, Joseph Felix Badio. Moïse was killed at home on July 7, and records show Henry and Badio had multiple phone calls hours after his assassination.

Australia's Curtin University is demanding a controversial article on artificial intelligence, authored by an ex-faculty member, be pulled from publication. The study, which received financial support from the Chinese government, establishes a facial recognition methodology which (per the BBC) would be used "to identify members of the Uyghur minority group." Uyghurs are a sizable, predominantly Muslim ethnic minority situated in Western China; since the late 2010s, Chinese authorities have been accused of interning millions of Uyghurs in "re-education camps" throughout the western region of Xinjiang.

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Rayven Sample continues to chase his dreams

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Born with arthrogryposis, stiffness in his joints that limit the range of motion in both of his arms, Rayven Sample '24 has dedicated nearly a decade of his life to being an athlete.

After years of training, Sample had the opportunity to compete on the world's biggest stage.

Two weeks ago, he competed in the 400-meter dash, T47 classification, at the 2020 Paralympics Games in Tokyo. Sample set a personal best of 50.01 in the preliminary round, seeding him in fourth place leading into finals.

His success has not come easy.

Beginning his career in middle school, Sample said he never took track seriously until high school and certainly nev-

er considered the Paralympics as an option.

"I kind of fell in love with it. And for me, it was an outlet for me to come to terms with my disability and accept myself because through track and field, I gained a lot of self-love and self-appreciation from my accomplishments," Sample said.

Finishing high school as a New York state champion in the 4x400-meter relay, it was at the state meet that the New York mile split representative recommended him for para.

The passing of his grandmother, who adopted him after his father's death, shook the athlete right before he left for his first year at the University.

"It was the week of

my high school graduation, she got sick, she was coughing up blood. She went to the doctor and they found stage four lung cancer. Then within basically two months, it progressed so much that she had passed," Sample said.

Sample needed to move to Lewisburg within hours of his grandmother's passing, or risk a considerable delay to his training, due to COVID. He knew that his grandmother would want him to go, and keeping his promise to her to compete at the Paralympics relied on him getting to the University.

He decided to take the risk and was on a bus within hours of her passing. Once on campus, Sample realized that a lot of his

training in high school would transfer over well. Strength training in the weight room proved to be one major obstacle for him.

"In high school, I hadn't really ventured into there to do any strength training," Sample said.

He attributes his conquering of the weight room to University strength coach Lysette "RC" Rivera-Cortes, who has adapted her programming to suit Sample.

"Rayven is very hardworking and willing to try new things to progress his strength training," Coach Rivera-Cortes said. "He always asks questions to better understand the 'why' and is always very receptive to feedback. Even after competing in Tokyo, he's already ask-

ing when he can get back in the weight room."

Leading up to the prelims, Sample was focused on maintaining a strong pace through the finish line. That was his biggest weakness in the past season, he said.

"I just kept telling myself before, 'you're not running a 400; in these two races, you're running a 410 run through the line as much as you can, so you can get that good time,'" Sample said.

Although he hoped to break the 50-second barrier in finals, somewhere during the rain-soaked race, he was disqualified from competition for stepping in someone else's lane.

"At about 200 meters, I kind of remember blacking out and not remembering anything

from 200 to 250," Sample said. "I remember stepping a little bit too far to the left at that moment."

Sample said that U.S. Paralympic sprints coach, Kris Mack, was prepared to dispute the disqualification, but after viewing the video, it was a clear violation. His right leg had been in the left lane.

Despite this setback, the Falconer, N.Y. native seemed optimistic for his future career in the sport. He hopes to compete for Team USA again in Kobe, Japan, at the Para Athletic World Championships in 2022. "I loved the experience," Sample said. "I wish I'd done a little bit better, but I certainly have something to work for, looking forward to the 2024 games in Paris."

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Greek recruitment returns, in person



Juliette Gaggini
News Co-Editor

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On Sunday, September 12, the recruitment process for Greek life on campus came to an end for the pledge class of 2021 as University students received their bids and joined their chapters. The University is home to seven active fraternity chapters and seven active sorority chapters, and students must wait until their sophomore year to begin the recruitment process. The sorority recruitment process consisted of a series of three rounds, two of which were virtual and one of which was masked and in-person. This differed from last year's recruitment process, which was completely virtual due to COVID-19. Potential new members (PNMs) had to attend meetings with every sorority in the first round, and with each round they were invited back to fewer sororities until the final round. Around 300 women went through the process, tightly following previous years' trends. The fraternity recruitment process was drastically different than that of the sororities. Instead of having scheduled events where each PNM had to meet each

fraternity, the fraternities held in-person events such as field games and barbecues where PNM's decided which fraternities they wanted to go to. Those who were selected were invited back to the fraternities. All fraternity events were held entirely in person.

The sorority recruitment process is overseen by the University's Panhellenic Council, which is run by current students. The organization is a local governing body and represents all of the sororities at the University. Often referred to as Panhel, the organization works to unite the sororities and run educational and leadership events.

Fraternities also have a similar council, the Interfraternity Council; this council also works to unite chapters. According to the University's website, they work to enhance the values in which fraternal organizations were founded by promoting the highest ideals of scholarship, leadership, service, and brotherhood.

Kendall Garnett '22, current President of the University's Panhellenic Council, reflected on this year's so-

rority recruitment process and planning. "In terms of recruitment, I saw a lot of wonderful women sign up to be gamma chis, and seeing their dedication in training and their compassion as they worked with PNM's made me proud. I also saw a lot of amazing work from chapter presidents and recruitment chairs who pulled off our first hybrid recruitment with a lot of hard work and very little complaints," Garnett said when asked about what went particularly well this year.

"I think our programming was outstanding this year. We got the chance to hold an in-person 9/11 remembrance with Kurt Nelson, we had an outstanding Greek Week with 900+ cans donated to local food banks and hundreds donated to recruitment scholarships, we had a virtual Mental Health Week and are looking forward to hazing prevention week, academic appreciation week, and Spooktacular," Garnett said.

Claudia Halbreiner is a junior in Delta Gamma who was enthusiastic about this year's pledge class and in-person recruitment pro-

cess. "When I went through recruitment last year it was completely virtual and there was a slight disconnect. I am so glad that the new members got to experience three whole rounds of recruitment, one of which was in person. I'm so excited to continue meeting the new members of DG at in person events this year!" Halbreiner said.

Jack Quinn '23, a member of Delta Upsilon, was also enthusiastic about his fraternity's pledge class and the in-person events this year. "My process last year was mostly on Zoom and it was definitely exhausting but I could say this year recruitment was more back to normal and it was nice to meet a lot of people in person. I'm really happy with how the process ended up and I'm excited to meet and get to know some of the new members," Quinn said.

Sophomore Heather Kirchner was really excited about the recruitment process and receiving a bid to Alpha Delta Pi. "As a first-year last year, it was difficult to meet people because of social distancing and COVID-19 protocols, so I'm super excited to be part of

an organization where I can meet so many awesome new people. Bid day was really fun and I'm really glad I got to experience it in person, boom boom!" Kirchner said. Zach Gerhardt '24 received a bid from Chi Phi and was also enthusiastic about the opportunity. "It was really awesome getting to meet people on campus who I wouldn't have normally had the chance of getting to know. The whole process is a little scary but knowing that these guys are gonna be your best friends, possibly for life, is a really cool thing. I recommend it to anyone," Gerhardt said. Sophomore Amanda Pennett decided not to enter Greek life and provided the Bucknellian with the reasoning behind her decision. "I personally chose not to consider Greek life because I knew it would conflict with not only my academics but also my life as an athlete. I knew I wouldn't feel like I could balance Greek life with my major and my athletic commitments. Mental health is also very important to me which I know I would be sacrificing by adding another commitment. While some

are a great fit for Greek life and get a lot out of it I just knew it wasn't for me and that's okay because there are so many other ways to get involved and have fun on campus," Pennett said. Though there is much controversy and conversation around Greek life at the University, one clear issue is the difference in resources between fraternities and sororities. Each fraternity has a chapter house on campus and at least one house off-campus in downtown Lewisburg. Sororities, on the other hand, do not have a single house on or off-campus. Instead, many live in Hunt Hall in sorority suites. It is often argued that fraternities receive more funding which allows them to have these houses and some involved in Greek life feel this is unfair.

"The frats definitely have more funding which gives them more power over sororities. It would be nice if sororities could also have their own chapter houses with a personal chef and nice rooms," Alicia Newman '24, who received a bid from Alpha Delta Pi, said.

Griot Institute Opens Semester with African Drumming and Dance Company

Griffin Perrault
Editor-in-Chief

At noon on Sept. 11th, the Griot Institute welcomed the Bucknell community back to the school year with a rousing performance by the Soul in Motion African Dance and Drum Ensemble. Formed in the late 1990s as a collaboration between playwright & percussionist Michael Friend and choreographer Pam Lassiter Rhone, Soul in Motion combines classical African drumming performances with dancing and spoken word poetry.

Soul in Motion's virtuosic performance was accompanied by food and a show by the Bissonettes Dance Team; additionally, a review

of upcoming events, the Griot Institute is planning for later in this semester was undertaken. Events include a Griot Book Series Launch for Shante Stepakoff's book *Testimony: Found Poems from the Special Court for Sierra Leone* (Sept. 27), a lecture on the influence of Frida Kahlo on Latin American art by Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar Adriana Zavala (Oct. 4), and a series of West African Drumming lessons available throughout the duration of the fall semester.

The Bucknellian will be covering additional Griot Institute events throughout the semester as they occur.



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Class Act! Your Hookup Finally Walks You Home

Liz Whitmer
Satire Co-Editor

There are certain steps in adult romantic relationships that signify progress towards a more serious end goal—meeting the parents, moving in together, letting judgemental friends finally meet them. However, students at the University say the most significant step, and perhaps the hardest of all to process, will come out of nowhere and sweep you off your feet -- Congratulations, your hookup finally walked you home.

Most can only hope for this to happen. You get ready to make the trek back to your room while clutching your keys between your fingers in an effort to ward off kidnappers, and out of nowhere your partner begins listlessly putting on his shoes. In an effort to preserve his already fragile masculinity, he grumbles that he is going downhill to hang with the boys anyway, but you both know that's a lie. It's every little girl's dream. Sparks fly. A bona fide prince charming moment, if you will.

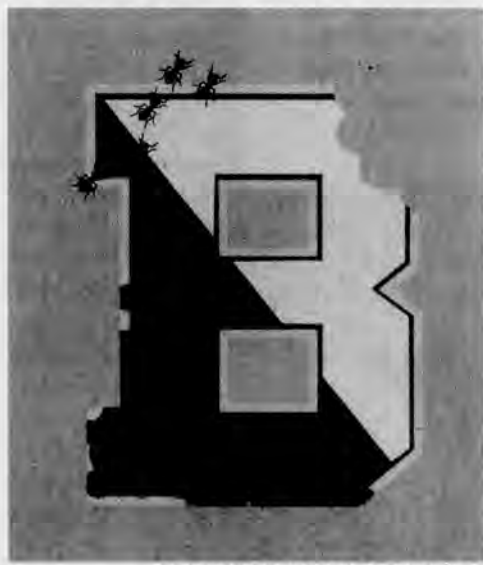
Of course--and this truly cannot be emphasized enough--he has flaws. Yeah, he departed from last night's mixer with some

other girl, left your message on delivered for 19 hours, and exclusively refers to women as "females," but the walk to AND from the chapter house is no small hike, so that needs to count for something...right?

Like many others, you may be asking yourself what this next step means. Will he start accompanying you to the Bison for lunch, or finally ask for your number and drop Snapchat communication once and for all? The weight of these possibilities appear to be a direct threat to toppling the carefree facade you have so tactfully established when discussing him with your friends, but at least you will have a consistent date to your formal for the semester. The pros and cons swirl in your mind as you wonder if it's too soon, but you ultimately appreciate the effort anyway.

The consequences of this grandiose gesture may vary among pairings, but you might as well don an engagement ring and delete your Tinder based upon the outside world's perception that will begin to label you as off the market, all because he walked the extra half mile.

Black Mold Truly the Least of Housing's Worries



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Bridgette Simpson
and Liz Whitmer
Satire Co-Editors

Based upon the lack of planning surrounding the black mold infestation gripping campus, it is abundantly clear the University has bigger fish to fry when it comes to housing fiascos.

Even though this style of mold is known to make students extremely ill, it is failing to serve as the star of the show in diminishing the sanitary and safety aspects of University housing, leaving reporters somehow both appalled and a little impressed by the severity of housing conditions. In order to lower the exorbitantly high housing prices, University officials have caught wind of some students inviting new roommates to help foot the cost. However, due to the small dimensions of the already barely occupiable space, most cohabitants tend to come in the form of rodent-type creatures.

Other students have decided to (somewhat) make the most of this suspiciously sticky situation. "I not only got some extra protein in my cereal this morning with all the ants that had been scattered

throughout my Raisin Bran, but I was also lucky enough to dine with what appeared to be a family of mice and/or rats living behind my fridge... I cannot tell the difference, and facilities won't come to get rid of them until I define the 'species they need to handle,' so it looks like they're here to stay," Rhonda Dent '23 said.

By some miracle, Rhonda's story is actually not the worst one we've heard thus far. Other students have reported forming fun new friendships in the form of cockroaches and termites. In an effort to get ahead of what should, in theory, be a PR mess but will in all likelihood just be swept under the rug, University officials announced through the new monthly installments that they are helping students form bonds that last a lifetime as they missed out on crucial socialization experiences due to COVID. Despite these seemingly devastating additions, the overall satisfaction regarding students' quality of life has increased significantly from the 2020-2021 school year as many report they are "just happy to no longer face these substances as part of the University dining plan."

Maximus Bean
Senior Writer

This week at the University the Student Health Center, which is used for... something health-related I think... has finally been required to provide a service to students who get injured on campus (usually as a result of the squirrels being mocked -- they don't like that). Now, it's commonly known that the Student Health Center has been around almost as long as the University, but what is less commonly known is just what mysterious service this facility performs. After all, with COVID cases rising rapidly to an astonishing 11 active cases from the last time I checked the dashboard over the summer when we had like ... one, things are starting to get pretty serious.

This is not to say that Student Health is useless. Recently, Student Health has been forced by the University to pro-

vide a service. What is this service, you may ask? Well, we're back to COVID testing. Student Health has larger q-tips, they stick them deeper in your nose, and they relish your pain. At least, that's what happened during my optional test. They didn't even give me a warning, they just stuck it up there and ripped it back out again and sent me on my merry way. Speaking of which, it turns out that 100 percent of the recent positive COVID cases had bloody noses. I don't think there's a connection, but if the University starts requiring us to wear tissues up our noses I'll know who to blame. Then again, I have no idea what Student Health does apart from that.

I tried looking on their website, but I already knew everything they had to say. The University website states that "Services [from the Student Health Center] include treatment for routine illnesses and inju-

ries, sexual health, drug and alcohol education, travel medicine, and campus outreach." Routine illnesses? I can just go on WebMD for that. That's how I self-diagnosed my severe Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia. Drug and alcohol education? I'll just watch what my friends do -- they all drink! Sexual health? I'll just watch... nevermind. Travel medicine? Where would I want to travel? They're just gonna quarantine me when I get back anyways. Campus outreach? Since when? I've been writing for about a year, and have been a student on campus for longer, and this is the first time I've seriously heard of the "Student Health Center". How do we know it isn't just some fantasy the Administrators conjured up, like the Land of Oz, or Narnia, or Kentucky? Any rational human being could see that none of these places actually exist, so what's different

about the Student Health Center? It's obviously just propaganda for Big Tote so the University can give out more tote bags full of weird-tasting clear stuff and strange blue napkins.

Well I, for one, am not going to fall for this obvious scam. The University needs to come clean about the Student Health Center. If the Administration thinks they can just lie about how many squirrel attacks there are on-campus, or how filled up the isolation housing is with students suffering from "vegetarianism" -- whatever that means -- then they have another thing coming. I don't know why Big Tote is so involved in our campus Student Health Center, or how high up this squirrel nest really goes, but as the most anti-squirrel journalist at this newspaper, I will find out! For you! For the University! For Pennsylvania! For America! Goodnight, everybody!

Students Scramble to Avoid Certain Death by Merging of Already Miserable Grades

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Here at the University, it's just a little over three weeks into the fall semester and most students are in one of two categories: either they are feeling pretty good about their grades and taking part in the varying nightlife on the weekends (and beyond!), or they are wildly struggling with their studies but are participating in said nightlife anyway. With weekly quizzes, unit tests, surplus math questions, long reading assignments, and looming midterms added onto the normal workload, most students would probably say they are in the second category.

Then, of course, it's that fateful time of the year students love to hate: Family Weekend! A weekend full of family, food, activities, and fun that will distract you from tackling that mountain of homework and test prep. It's not that we don't love our families, or at least one person in them; it's just that we have too much going on to entertain parents, sib-

lings, and any extended family choosing to visit.

Alas, if your family is coming to visit and you have no say in the matter like many people I know, here's a few tips and tricks to try and help you survive this upcoming crazy weekend!

First of all, try to work ahead a bit. If you go out every night before your family comes, you're less likely to feel the urge to bring them to Super, and I think that's a win for everybody. This type of proactive thinking is what distinguishes an Average Joe from an absolute genius. Everyone has their own particular method they like to use, but as long as you're getting that socialization in before, you'll have more time to enjoy a wholesome brunch that your mom will love.

Second, clean up your room a little. Literally anything. I am begging you to do the bare minimum here. You already have the stress of your family visiting; you don't need them to be judging your living

space. It doesn't have to be white glove spotless like my grandmother likes, but maybe throw away the empty cans you're "using as decor" and just admit that you're living in squalor. Make your bed and do your laundry, or at least shove it in the closet out of sight. And don't forget to hide those pesky bits of contraband--you know what I mean. I don't care what it is, but you probably shouldn't let your parents see it.

If all that doesn't seem to help, it may be time to explore alternative options. You could always tell your parents that you're sick and need to cancel. However, that risks them visiting to make sure you're okay or being avoided by hallmates like you have the plague. You could make an offering to the great Old Grade Gods by burning an old textbook of yours in return for some good grades or a bit of luck. But make sure it doesn't belong to the library or someone else, as that would be

rude, and invalid offerings really make the gods angry. You may also be able to sneak into the basement of Dana Engineering and gain access to the in-progress time machine the physicists are working on to go back and get work done sooner. Or be like Indiana Jones--search for a magic lamp in the pit in front of the Rooke Science Center and hope the genie you find isn't a jerk when you ask for help on your course work. Just make sure you bring your Time Travel Safety Kit or proper climbing gear, depending on which path you choose.

Above all, try and have some fun this weekend, even though you are already getting the vibe that seeing your siblings before Thanksgiving may push you right over the edge. I know you don't call your parents enough, so how else will they find out you're alive other than driving all the way here? Just remember that if it ends up being too much, you only have to do this a few more times.

Police Report: Fraternities Stole Pieces of Gym Equipment Over Time Until Someone Noticed

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Lewisburg, Pa. -- In a police report filed Monday, the Buffalo Valley PD confirmed that the rumors are true; members of different fraternities on campus slowly but surely stole almost every piece of equipment from the KLARC.

CCTV footage from the gym lobby showed several students wearing sweatpants and sweatshirts carrying individually small pieces of equipment directly past the front desk as they waved goodbye to the receptionist, who did not even look up from God knows what they always did back there.

It was included in the report that the fraternity members stole all weightlifting and running equipment--including the handheld weights ranging

from two to 10 pounds, which they shoved in their pockets and underwear in order to conceal them--but two treadmills, the ab crunch machine (because, in the words of all brothers involved, "That one ***** sucks,") and the diverging low row machine (?).

It was also discovered that these antics were actually part of a competition to see which fraternity could establish the nicest home gym the fastest and without raising suspicion. "We, the brothers of Tau Gamma Apple Pi, consider our health and fitness to be a core value of our brotherhood. Taking care of your body enhances your mental abilities, as well," Jim Bro '22 said. I actually have my chemistry class with Bro, and I overheard him sounding out the word "pipette" to himself before our lab. This is a highly

challenging word, so the lifting must have pushed him over the top!

"We also, uh, take fitness very seriously, I guess," Jay Protein '23 said. "We also just really wanted to win because Tau Gamma Apple Pi sucks and we wanted to show them who can really steal more gym equipment." Protein is a member of the Alpha Alpha Alpha Alpha Male fraternity, who unfortunately lost horrifically in this endeavor, stealing 10 fewer machines and over 500 pounds fewer weights than their competition... not very Alpha of them at all.

Originally, no KLARC attendees or staff noticed the machines and small weights missing, since the fraternities had strategically stolen them when the gym was relatively empty (late at night, early in the morning, during class,

basically anytime that wasn't 3-4 p.m. during the week) and carefully carried them out. Even when equipment became scarce, there was nobody to turn to because Greg, the gym front desk guy, was almost always asleep and everyone felt bad waking him up--so they didn't.

Eventually, towards the end of this charade, students eager to work out would simply grab a set of two-pound weights and scream obscenities at themselves in the single mirror left behind in the gym. "Are you really working out if you aren't staring at yourself in the mirror half the time? Of course we stole the mirrors, too," Jim Bro '22 added.

Greg, the gym front desk guy, offered a comment to sum up the entire situation at hand.

"I have no idea what you're talking about."

Lewisburg Farmer's Market

From Farm to Table via the Farmer's Market

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Just off of Fairground Road in Lewisburg, an expansive lot of gravel borders a white building that stretches back towards a small treeline. Painted just below the peak of the building's roof, blue lettering spells out "Lewisburg Farmers Market: Open Every Wednesday." While true and straight to the point, this title reduces the market to its bare bones. Inside the market, shoppers are greeted with over 100 vendors that are helping to bring fresh harvest from local sources straight to the people of the Lewisburg community and beyond.

Originally, the space where the farmer's market now resides was home to the Union County fairgrounds for over 70 years. Then, in 1937, the first farmer's market was held and was so successful that the fair never returned. Instead, this area became home to the farmer's market. In 1965, the original wooden market building burned down, to which the current concrete building was built.

As the building's sign displays, the market is open every Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Additionally, they're open on the last Saturday of each month from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. On occasion, the market will hold special events one Saturday of each month.

These events could have a particular focus or theme making the already unique experience even more special. For example, this past Saturday on September 11, the market hosted a fall craft show.

The numerous vendors at the shop range from fresh produce, meat, baked goods, coffee and much more. A fan-favorite advertised on their website and Facebook page are hotdogs wrapped in a pretzel roll, made by Esch's Pretzels. Another very popular spot is Mammy's Donuts, offering a variety of freshly baked donut flavors. If you're looking to support the market but aren't looking for food, there's also vendors selling products such as flowers, books, jewelry, and soaps.

While the market is a brief five minute drive from campus, it's a hefty 35 minute walk if you don't have access to a car, therefore making it difficult to visit and support the market for those without a car. In years past, the regular campus shuttle didn't make any stops at or near the market. Taking note of this issue, the Bucknell Student Government decided in 2018 to organize shuttle services to and from the farmers market creating an easy transportation mode for those without a car. Now, every Wednesday, there are two

shuttles that leave at 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. from MacDonald Commons. This is a great way for students to become more engaged with the town that surrounds them, especially for first-year students that are still getting acclimated to the area. It also creates an opportunity for first-years to get off campus a bit, something that can be rather difficult to do without a car.

If you're interested in visiting the Farmers Market but are nervous to step off of campus alone, look no further than the Bucknell Environmental Club. Co-presidents Riley DeBaecke '23 and Sarah Frischmann '23 have begun discussing possible activities for the club to take part in for this upcoming semester, and feel that taking the shuttle to the market would be a great addition to their plans. "Visiting the Farmers Market strongly aligns with the beliefs and values of the Environmental Club. The Farmers Market supports buying produce in a less-packaged setting which cuts down on material waste, and buying from local sources cuts down on the emissions that the usual mass-production process would produce," DeBaecke said. Additionally, going in a group on the shuttle is a great way to reduce carbon emissions, as opposed to going

alone in individual vehicles.

The Engineering Success Alliance (ESA) is another club that has organized group trips to the farmers market. Asteri Aliaj '22, a member of the ESA, shed some light on what it's like to visit the market. She recalled that some of the vendors were Amish or have a lower-technology disposition. Some of the foods that stood out in her memory the most were pretzels and sausage sandwiches. She also mentioned that because of some of the vendors that sell knick knacks or clothes, the market also has a flea market-like element to it. "Many people do not realize that the Farmers Market sells more than just food," Asteri said, continuing on to say how surprised by this she was during her first visit.

The Farmers Market is a truly special addition to Lewisburg that many students on campus do not even know about. It offers not only an opportunity to engage and support the Lewisburg community but also to try some amazing food and shop around the different unique stands. Open every Wednesday, make sure to take a trip out to the Farmers Market this week for the vendors, fresh foods and much more!





MEN'S SOCCER DOMINATE WEEKEND

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S WATER POLO
VS FORDHAM SEPT 18 AT 10AM
VS WAGNER SEPT 18 AT 4PM
VS SAINT FRANCIS SEPT. 19 AT 12PM
VS SALEM SEPT 19 AT 4:30PM
FIELD HOCKEY
VS HOLY CROSS SEPT. 18 AT 11AM
VS SACRED HEART SEPT 19 AT 1PM
WOMEN'S SOCCER
VS NAVY SEPT. 18 AT 2PM
FOOTBALL
VS PENN ON SEPT. 18 AT 6PM

Kaylee Donnelly
Contributing Writer

The Bison men's soccer team took their first two wins of the season this weekend with games both home and away. On Friday, Sept. 10, the Bison travelled to Mount St. Mary's, taking home a 2-1 win over the Mountaineers. The team was able to carry this energy into Sunday, Sept. 12, defeating St. Bonaventure in another 2-1 win at Emmitt Stadium.

Their first win against the Mountaineers started off with

a goal from Jordan Miller '24, who scored on a bouncing ball to the keeper. Miller's goal was assisted by rookie, Gabe Dahlin '25, who played the ball over the defense for Miller to run onto. The lead did not last long however, as Mount St. Mary's responded within four minutes of the first goal, keeping the matchup tied for a majority of the game.

Miller also scored the second and game-winning goal for the Bison, securing the first win for the Orange

and Blue. In the 82nd minute, Colin Eifert '22 sent a long throw-in to Matt Owusu '24, flicking the ball to Miller who was there to put it in the back of the net.

The game followed a similar pattern in the Bison's match versus St. Bonaventure on Sunday. Miller scored once again, earning the first goal in the 31st minute of the game off a ball from Patrick O'Hara '22. St. Bonaventure responded a few minutes into the second half, with their first

shot on goal all game putting the Bison in the familiar 1-1 tie. But the Bison did not stop working. In the 85th minute, Eddie Perez-Pelaez '23 scored a picture perfect header off a corner kick from Chris Masur '23, earning the team their second win of the weekend and overall.

The Orange and the Blue were able to outshoot both opponents, with a 13-7 margin on the road against Mount St. Mary's, as well as a 21-5 margin during their first game on

Emmitt field against the Bonnies.

"It feels really good to get two wins this weekend, especially at home after some tough road games to start the season. We feel like we've been steadily improving and it's great to get the results this weekend to show that," team captain O'Hara said.

In addition to the Bison's victories, Miller's efforts from the weekend earned him the Patriot League offensive player of the week.

Volleyball wraps up non-league play

Justin Schaumberger
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison volleyball team wrapped up non-league play with a 2-1 weekend at the Cornell Invitational. The Orange and Blue's weekend began with a 5 set victory over Niagara on Friday, but ultimately ended poorly with losses to UNLV and Cornell on Saturday. The Bison now sit at 4-5 on the season and well prepared for Patriot League play.

On Friday, the Bison rallied from the brink of a loss to win back-to-back sets against Niagara resulting in a 3-2 win. The Bison started hot, winning the opening set 25-18. The set began with a 10-0 run for the Bison that gave them a comfortable lead that they were able to hold onto for the victory. Niagara was able to narrowly win the next two sets 25-23 and 25-21 putting the Bison on the brink of defeat. The Bison responded in the fourth set. They led by 3 points the entire set until a 12-1 run resulted in a 25-12 victory. In the decisive fifth set, the score was tied at 11. From this point on the Bison went on a roll. They won two

points on Niagara errors and then the match was sealed with two kills from Catherine Jamison '24.

As a team, the Bison posted a season-high 10 total blocks. Sarah Ramirez '24 continued her stellar play with 40 assists in the match. Lisa Zoch '23 and Jamison were stellar offensively, combining for 26 kills. Allie Lopez '24, five block assists, and Jen Sivak '25, four block assists, also played well for the Bison.

On the second day of the competition, the Bison struggled. They lost in straight sets to both UNLV and Cornell. The Bison had several good moments against UNLV, but were unable to win any of the sets. In set one, the Bison were able to build a 11-9 lead after some stellar play. Unfortunately, UNLV was able to go on a 7-0 run to wrap up the set 25-17. UNLV maintained a 3-point cushion for most of the second set and was able to keep the Orange and Blue at bay. In the final set, the Bison struggled and were only able to score back-to-back points a single time. Jamison played

well again for the Bison posting 9 more kills. Lopez and Jordan Hardy '25 played well registering a pair of blocks and 15 digs respectively.

Against Cornell, the Bison started well with a 9-4 lead. However, a 10-0 run by Cornell completely changed the momentum resulting in a Cornell victory. The Bison also played well in the second set closing the score to 23-22. Unfortunately, the Orange and Blue were not able to complete the comeback and fell 25-23. The Bison seemed to run out of steam in the last set of the weekend falling 25-14. Sivak played extremely well for the Bison posting eight kills and only one error. Hardy and Sarina Singer '23 both ended the match with double-digit digs.

This weekend wrapped up the stretch of non-league games for the Bison. They now will look ahead to their Patriot League portion of the schedule starting with matches against Navy and Holy Cross. The Bison will play Navy on Sept. 17 at 7pm and Holy Cross on Sept. 18 at 4:30pm with both matches being played on the road.

Men's Water Polo goes 1-3 at Princeton Invitational

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This past weekend Saturday Sept. 11, No. 16 ranked Bison men's water polo traveled to Princeton, New Jersey to face some of the country's top competitors.

"We had some tough games this weekend against teams that we will likely see in the playoffs. The results weren't what we were looking for but there's lots we can learn from these losses and move forward with further in the season. I am excited for the future as we have a young core and we will only get better the more we play together" Ethan Jones '24 said regarding the team's performance this weekend.

The Bison started off their weekend strong with a win against No. 14 California Baptist. The third quarter propelled them forward, with four consecutive goals from Hasan Mogultay '25, Josh Yardley '22 and Shay Gillearn '25, changing their 8-7 deficit to an 11-8 lead. California Baptist retaliated with two goals of their own, but a last minute goal from Mogultay secured the 12-10 win for the Bison.

In their next game against No. 18 Harvard, the Bison and Crimson were neck and neck for most of the first half. Despite Bison efforts, the Crimson broke the 3-3 tie giving them a 7-4 lead at the half. Harvard continued their scoring streak

with the Crimson in the lead 11-10 with 5:08 to go. They kept the Bison off the board the rest of the way, resulting in a loss of 14-10. Yardley had four goals while Doruk Ozar '24 and Andu Vlasceanu '24 each had two.

Sunday, Sept. 12, the Bison competed hard against No. 12 Princeton and No. 3 Stanford. The Tigers began the game with a 9-1 run holding a strong lead over the Bison for the remainder of the game. Yardley scored 3 times, while Jones and Vlasceanu each added two goals. The Orange and Blue just could not hold the Tiger's strong offense, resulting in an 18-10 loss.

In the Bison's last game of the invitational, they suffered a tough 16-4 loss against the Stanford Cardinals. Mogultay scored three of the Bison four goals in the defeat, while Yardley added the other goal.

"There is no doubt that Stanford is one of the strongest and most successful teams in the US. Although we lost, I think it was a good experience for us to play against a stronger team," Mogultay said.

The team will make its season debut at Kinney Natatorium next weekend when it hosts the Bison Open on Saturday and Sunday in Lewisburg.

"We are preparing hard for these games. Our goal is to finish this weekend without any defeat. Our goal is to play our best water polo and make it to the NCAA championship in December," Mogultay said.

Bison Field Hockey Returns Home Victorious

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Bison field hockey brought back a 2-0 win to Lewisburg on Sunday, Sept. 12, after their away match up against Lock Haven. Mary Kate Stefanowicz '22 scored both goals for the Bison, with assists from Maddie Rehak '23 and Erin Zielinski '22.

A key contributor to the Bison defense was Mia Fields '24 who felt the game went "really well". "[The team] was connecting nicely up the field, which helped to create lots of offensive opportunities," Fields said. These opportunities allowed the Bison to dominate early on in the game, with a quarter-high of four shots com-

ing in the first quarter of play.

It was in the 19th minute of play that the Bison got on the board, thanks to Stefanowicz, after receiving a cross from Rehak on their seventh corner of the game. The Bison converted another penalty corner in the 43rd minute, this time on a receiving pass from Zielinski to Stefanowicz, who struck from the top of the circle. Stefanowicz leads the Bison in goals (three) and points (seven) for the season.

Not only did the Orange and Blue win out against Lock Haven offensively, but they played an equally fortuitous defense, leading to the shutout. Lock Haven only managed three shots on goal against

the Bison's 12. Veteran goalkeeper Clara McCormick's '23 earned her first shutout of the season with a virtuosic performance on the field. In addition to being a key defender, Grace McEvoy '22 tied Stefanowicz with four shots on goal.

This result improves the Bison record to 3-2 on the season. The Orange and Blue look to continue their two-game winning streak with a pair of home games next weekend. They return to Lewisburg on Saturday, Sept. 18, opening up Patriot League play against Holy Cross and again, on Sunday, Sept. 19 against Sacred Heart. Face-off is set for 11 a.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday, both on Graham Field.

Bison Women's finish a tough weekend 1-1

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The Bison women's soccer team ended this past weekend with a 1-1 record, making their overall season record 3-4-1. On Friday, Sept. 10 the team traveled to Hempstead, N.Y. where they ended up losing a tough battle 2-0 to No. 25 Hofstra Pride. However, the Orange and Blue redeemed themselves at home Sunday afternoon in a come-back win to beat the Rider Broncs 3-1.

Both teams went scoreless in the first half of Friday's match. To start the second half, the Hofstra Pride came out strong. Hofstra scored early in the second half and towards the end of the match, putting them up 2-0 and placing the pressure on top of the Orange and Blue. Despite being down by two, the Bison kept the game competitive and held on but could not come up with any goals in the end. The Bison ended with four shots on goal but no goals scored. Goalkeeper Jenna Hall '24 finished the

game with an impressive six saves against Hofstra's four saves.

The Bison turned the weekend around Sunday afternoon in their comeback win against Rider University. About 16 minutes into the game Paige Temple '25 kicked the ball to the back of the net to put the Bison up 1-0. The Bison held on strong to the lead until 55 minutes in when an unlucky "own goal" was scored after an attempt to clear the ball, tying the game at 1-1 in the second half.

However, the Bison recaptured the lead about 80 mins in after Teresa Deda's '25 shot on goal was deflected by the Rider keeper and the ball bounced to the feet of left forward Kelley Francis '25. Francis trapped the ball and shot before the keeper could make the save, putting the Bison up 2-1.

The third goal of the game was scored in the final seven minutes of the game by Rylee Donald-

son '23, assisted by Deda. The Orange and Blue clutched the lead for the final minutes of play and came out with the 3-1 win to finish the weekend off. The Bison finished with 10 shots on goal and Hall closed with nine saves.

"Friday was a long day on the road vs. Hofstra. Although our team battled hard, Hofstra capitalized on a couple of our mistakes. I'm proud of the work we put in and the adjustment we made going into Sunday's game vs. Rider. Although it took us a while to gain momentum, our forwards put away 3 awesome goals, and it's a great feeling to end our out-of-league play on a win." Senior defender Alana Carlucci '22 said when commenting on the Bison's effort this weekend.

The Bison are now holding on to a record of 3-4-1 as they kick start their season. They will play next Saturday, Sept. 18 at home at 2 p.m. against Navy.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

JORDAN MILLER '24
MEN'S SOCCER



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PROFILE

HOMETOWN: KINGSTON, JAMAICA
HIGH SCHOOL: TAFT SCHOOL (CONN.)

Clara McCormick
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The Bison men's soccer team started their season against some very high-level teams, including ACC powerhouses UNC and Wake Forest. Their record consequently suffered early on, with the team netting 0-3 for their first set of performances. To bounce back, the Bison had the opportunity to compete against Mount Saint Mary's and St. Bonaventure this past weekend, coming out victorious in both. Three out of the four goals scored in the 2-0 weekend were scored by just one player, Jordan Miller '24. Deservingly, Miller received the honor of being named the Patriot League Offensive Player of the week, and has also proven himself more than a simple forward.

The sophomore from Kingston, Jamaica made both offensive and defensive contributions in the spring of 2021 season. Against conference rival Lafayette, Miller played center defense for all 90 minutes of the contest. He made appearances in four out of six games in his rookie season – starting two – and started the first two matches of the fall 2021 campaign. After this weekend, Miller counts four total goals for the season and his collegiate career; he also scored the lone goal for the Bison in their 2-1 double overtime loss to Saint Peter's on Sept. 4.

"This weekend was definitely a special one that I won't ever forget. In the past few weeks, I was getting really frustrated because I was yet to play a game for Bucknell and come out victorious. So achieving two wins in one weekend and scoring three goals to help the team win was definitely something special," Miller said, speaking rather nonchalantly about his elite level performance.

The two wins this weekend were special indeed. This was the first win for the Bison since March 13 when they played American University, the Patriot League conference champions last season. That was only the second game for the Orange and Blue of the spring season, so these wins have been a long time coming.

"The guys on the team are all hungry for more wins and we want to continue our streak as long as possible. I believe in my teammates and once we all buy in and work for each other, there is no team that can get in our way of a championship," Miller said, expressing high hopes for the rest of the season.

In Loretto, Pa. Wednesday, Miller continued to

deliver, even though the Orange and Blue suffered a loss against St. Francis. Late in the second half, while the Bison were down 2-0, Miller found the back of the net yet again. With this, Miller has become the first Bison in six years to score in four consecutive games.

The team hopes to restart their win streak into another set of away matches this Saturday, after they start Patriot League play in Easton, Pa. against Lafayette College.

CAREER STATS

10 GAMES PLAYED
4 GAMES STARTED
483 MINUTES
PLAYED
5 GOALS
9 SHOTS ON GOAL

Cross Country sees Great Success at Father Bede Invite

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The Bison cross country team had a successful weekend at the Father Bede Invite. Both men and women were able to compete at a high level in Loretto on Saturday. Brendan Mellitt '24 led the way for the men while defending Patriot League individual champion Ashlyn Ramos '22 helped bring the women's team to success.

Head Coach Kevin Donner was exceedingly happy with the performance by the Bison this weekend, especially noting the team's ability to run together in a controlled effort on a challenging course with hilly terrain. He commended his runners' tough mindsets and their maintenance of focus throughout the

course. Coach Donner hopes that the next three weeks of training will further prepare the team for the competitive Paul Short Invite, where a diverse field will challenge the Bison like seldom before in the season.

Mellitt was narrowly surpassed by teammate Michael Donnelly '24 last weekend at the Bison Open but was able to come out on top this week with an impressive finish of 27:36.7. Mellitt also beat out fellow teammates Owen Chase '22 (27:37.3) and Brendan O'Toole '22 (27:37.3). Spots two through five for the Orange and Blue all finished within six-tenths of a second from each other. Also in the top five was first-year Stephen Schousen '25 (27:37.7).

Ramos had a successful race on Saturday, where she

was the only runner to break 20 minutes on the course. She crossed the finish line with a time of 19:48.2 to place first. The Orange and Blue tallied the first seven runners across the line as well as 10 of the first 11. In second place was Abby Paczewski '24 (20:02.7), followed by Emily Deschler '22 (20:13.6), the Patriot League Runner of the week. Deschler ran against her sister Alyssa Deschler '22 of the Red Flash, finishing 17th overall in the race.

"Our depth is amazing this season," said Ramos. "Working on group running and pulling one another along has been huge to making everyone better."

The Orange and Blue will train hard for the next few weeks before competing in the Paul Short Invite on Oct. 1



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BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

The Next Generation

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The 2021 NFL Draft consisted of one of the most highly touted QB classes in recent memory. On Sunday, the five first-round quarterbacks made their professional debuts and started their path to becoming leaders of their respective teams.

Trevor Lawrence, arguably the best quarterback prospect since Andrew Luck in 2012, was selected first overall by the Jacksonville Jaguars and dubbed by many to be the future savior of the team. Lawrence played collegiately at Clemson, where he won the 2018 national championship. Going into Sunday, Lawrence had an 86-4 record as a high school and college starter. Many believed that he would provide an instant spark to a Jaguars team that only won one game last season. Unfortunately for

Jacksonville fans, that was not the case as Lawrence and the Jags lost 37-21 against a Texans team that many thought would be the worst in the NFL. Lawrence had perhaps his worst game since high school as he was 28-51 for 332 yards, 3 TDs, and 3 INTs. Throughout the game, Lawrence missed throws that he made throughout his college career that left many surprised. This was the first time he's ever thrown 3 INTs in a single game, according to Lawrence. "Losing is always hard, especially when you feel like you are prepared and had a great week," Lawrence said. "I really think we were ready and obviously didn't play well. It starts with me. I didn't play well, for sure." Lawrence and the Jags will have to improve drastically as they take on an excellent

Denver defense next week.

The number two overall pick Zach Wilson came out of almost nowhere last year on his way to being selected by the New York Jets. Wilson was a somewhat unknown prospect but excelled in his final year at BYU, and the Jets seemed enamored by his strong arm. Joining a team that has not made the playoffs since 2010 and not won a Super Bowl since 1968, Wilson has his work cut out for him in his rookie season. In his debut, Wilson played against the Panthers. Wilson threw for 258 yards, 2 TDs and 1 INT in a losing effort in the game. The offense struggled mightily for most of the game, but it mostly down to a weak offensive line. Wilson was sacked six times and had a Panthers defender in his face for most of the day. Wilson will have another

tough test next week as he takes on the Patriots at home.

Mac Jones was the last rookie quarterback to start this weekend. Jones was drafted 15th overall by the Patriots and beat out veteran Cam Newton for the starting job during camp. Many talked down Jones' talent and potential as an NFL quarterback dubbing him a "game manager". Jones did not do a lot to prove his doubters wrong as he posted a modest 29-39 for 281 yards and a TD. Jones did not wow anyone at any point in the game but also did not make any mistakes and put the Patriots in a position to win the game. The Patriots narrowly lost 17-16 to the Dolphins and were in a position to kick a game-winning FG before Damien Harris fumbled the ball. Jones will have a great chance to show his

talent as he will be going against a very mediocre Jets defense next week.

The final two rookie quarterbacks, Trey Lance and Justin Fields did not start for their respective teams. Trey Lance, the number three pick, served as the backup for Jimmy Garoppolo, despite many thinking he would be the potential Week 1 starter. Lance did play several snaps during the course of the game, throwing a five yard TD and rushing three times for two yards. Fields, meanwhile crept closer to the starter job in Chicago with his performance and the poor performance by starter Andy Dalton. Fields had a fantastic preseason, and many were outraged that Fields was not the Week 1 starter. "This is easy Chicago. He's your starter," Dan Orlovsky, a football analyst

for ESPN, said. The feeling was shared by nearly everyone except Bears head coach Matt Nagy who opted to have the veteran Dalton start. Fields played a similar role to Lance as he completed two passes for 10 yards and rushed once for three yards. Fields primarily came in to run read-option plays to keep the defense honest with his impressive speed.

Despite a shaky first week, it is clear that the 2021 QB draft class is immensely talented. All five have the chance to be All-Pro caliber players and potentially even MVPs or Super Bowl champions. For now, people will have to temper their expectations a bit as the young men find their way in the NFL, but it won't be long until they've cemented themselves as franchise cornerstones for their respective teams.

Bison Dominate at Bloomsburg Invitational

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Right out of the gate, the Bison Men's Tennis team proved to be too much for invitational opponents from Mercyhurst, Morgan State, and Millersville. Michael Owen '23 and Nick Mueller '23 both went undefeated in singles play, winning all three of their matches

over the course of the weekend. Meanwhile, Nicolas Grünig '25 made impressive strides in his first year collegiate campaign, going 2-1 in singles play.

"The upperclassmen on our team give me a lot of advice, not only in Tennis but generally in everyday life," said Grünig, speaking to the veteran leadership

on the team. "Our goal as a team is to win the Patriot League. I'm convinced that we have a good chance this year because our team has a lot of quality and everybody is willing to give their absolute best."

The road to a Patriot League title continues next weekend at the Binghamton Invitational in Vestal, New York.

could have," King said. Other notable performances included that of Chloe Zilkha '23, who came back from a first-round loss to win the consolation finals at E Endur-

ance singles. Zilkha shut out Monmouth 6-0, 6-0 and beat Fairleigh Dickinson 6-1, 6-0.

The Orange & Blue will be traveling to Toledo's Rocket Invitational on Oct. 1 and 2, where they are looking to build upon their success from this weekend. The Toledo Rocket Invitational will conclude the team's fall season.

The Orange and Blue Drop Second Game of Season to Wildcats

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The Bison football team suffered a blow-out loss to Villanova last Saturday, Sept. 11. The Wildcats put up 55 points on the Orange and Blue defense en route to the win.

The Bison defense came strong out of the gate, forcing Villanova to punt on their first possession. However, this opportunity for the Orange and Blue ended quickly with an interception by Villanova. The Bison offense struggled greatly this week, failing to capitalize on any of their possessions until scoring a field goal in the fourth quarter. The Orange and Blue lost the turnover battle as well, ending two drives with

interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown.

It did not help that the Bison are still feeling the effects of a forbidding injury sustained in their season opener against Sacred Heart. Senior Quarterback Tarrin Earle '22 was injured against Sacred Heart, leaving the quarterback duties this week to Nick Semptimphelter '24 and Tyler Beverett '24. Semptimphelter took over the lion's share of snaps under center, with 20 attempts for 10 completions, but Beverett was able to lead the team in both passing and rushing yards against the Wildcats.

Senior Captain Tarrin Earle '22 spoke on

the team's competition this past weekend explaining, "It was obviously a rough game for us this weekend and it's easy to look at the score and make assumptions. But with the amount of injuries we've had I thought of young guys showed up and played hard against a top 10 team in Villanova. It was a great wake up call for our team, and we now have a great opportunity to turn this season around going into Penn this weekend."

As the Orange and Blue look to tighten up their performance on both sides of the ball, they hope to take their first win of the season at a Sept. 18 home opener against the Penn Quakers.

Women's Tennis Wins Three Main Draw Titles

Caleb Smith
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The Bison women's tennis team won three main draw titles this weekend at the Bill & Sandra Moore Invitational, hosted by the Naval Academy at the Brigade Sports Complex.

Outstanding performances from rookies Whitney King '25 and Anna Lajos '25 were crucial in the overall success of the Bison. King took the B Courage singles, and Lajos captured the C Commitment singles bracket.

King won against opponents from Navy

and Fairleigh Dickinson to secure her spot in the finals. King upset Navy by a 6-4, 6-2 margin to win the B singles final. "The competition this past weekend was tough. It was extremely competitive and really exciting! I could have never had the weekend that I did without the support of my team," King said.

Lajos edged out Binghamton and St. Bonaventure opponents to qualify for the C singles title match. She then defeated an opponent from Fairleigh Dickinson 6-1,

6-2 to clinch the title.

Senior captain Daniela Bellini '22 and King were teamed together for a championship at A Honor doubles. The pair topped Navy by a clear 8-3 margin to win their title. Bellini and King also displayed impressive teamwork in their 8-0 win over Binghamton, their 8-6 win over St. Bonaventure and their 8-7 win against Navy.

"I want to also shout out my doubles partner, and the best captain ever [Bellini] for being the best role model any freshman



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President Biden Vaccine Mandate Order

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U.S. President Joe Biden recently unveiled a sweeping plan to further combat COVID-19, a virus that has in recent months seen a resurgence of positive cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. With only just over half of the population fully vaccinated and 80 million of those eligible lacking even a single shot, Biden hopes that firm policies, and executive actions aimed at encouraging vaccination might aid the United States in finally escaping the pandemic that has plagued the world for over a year and a half. Among other orders, President Biden declared the requirement of vaccinations for all federal workers as well as healthcare workers in participating Medicare and Medicaid hospitals. The Labor Department will also be issuing mandates for companies employing over 100 people to be vaccinated, and if employees opt to remain unvaccinated, they must submit to weekly testing.

It must first be acknowledged that there remains precedent for the government to enforce vaccine mandates, most notably found in the *Jacobson v. Massachusetts* case of 1905. During this trial, the Supreme Court argued in favor of the state, deeming mandates to combat the smallpox epidemic constitutional. Employers, too, have an established legal right to require their employees take vaccines.

In all, it is a sweeping set of demands from a president desperate to turn the tide of a seemingly endless pandemic. But many have not seen it as President Biden has, considering the orders as nothing more than a tyrannical overreach from a wannabe authoritarian. So let us evaluate the pandemic as it stands at the moment and see if Biden truly has become the controlling ruler people insist he has. There was an oft-repeated phrase heard in the summer months: "those who wanted to get the vaccine already had gotten it." That was mostly true; while the beginning of 2021 saw massive percentages of people flocking to vaccination centers, by June, the rate was slowly beginning to plateau. Only about 10 million became fully vaccinated in August, a stark contrast to the nearly 50 million who received their full dosage in April.

This is a worrying decline, a sentiment echoed by the world's leading scientists that vaccinations are one of the most effective ways of fighting back against

COVID-19. Social distancing and mask usage were our primary means of defense last year and now serve as additional forms of protection even with the vaccine. Because even with a shot in the arm, the virus can still infect. It may pose a smaller threat to the vaccinated and help prevent visits to the hospital, but breakthrough cases may still occur. However, the threat of the virus still falls predominantly on the unvaccinated. This is now, if I may harken back to another oft-repeated phrase, "a pandemic of the unvaccinated." So why is Biden insisting upon it? Why can he not simply let those who do not wish to be vaccinated simply be as they are?

The notion that people are resistant to vaccine mandates is only a half-truth; there are of course people who simply do not wish to be forced into taking it, and some among those who have already received their shots remain hesitant to this grand display of authoritative power. But many others do not wish to receive the vaccine at all, using the proliferation of these mandates as an excuse to cause a greater uproar.

It is a foundational core of American liberty that the rights of its citizens should not be infringed upon by authoritarian entities. Yet, at a certain point, we must pause to consider how one person's demand for liberty becomes a hindrance to another. The refusal to take the vaccine, the willingness to let COVID-19 attack without any precautionary measures, does not simply end with the individual. In a pandemic, particularly one afflicted with a rapidly transmitting virus, the decision to forgo necessary lines of defense that are so readily accessible for the entire population can be devastating.

In short, the demands of the one can not be granted priority when they might risk the well-being of the other.

Neglect to take precautionary measures and, in particular, to take the vaccine will invariably cause harm to oneself and to others. The vaccinated, though more protected, are still threatened by the effects of the virus. Even more threatened are the unvaccinated. This group does not merely include the resistant Americans among us; there are many who physically cannot take the vaccine and must rely on the others around them to pick up their slack. Despite being over a year and a half into the pandemic, cases remain high and ICUs are in danger of

reaching maximum capacity. With the Delta variant posing an even greater threat, the new wave of this pandemic will hit the unvaccinated hardest of all.

We are among the most fortunate countries, endowed with a surplus of vaccines and a system that ensures its access for the entire country. There is no greater mark against American exceptionalism that despite our many advantages, we still insist upon our own failure so long as we are granted the choice to do so.

It is an admirable stance at times. We wish to such a grand degree to remain independent that even in the face of great loss we are grateful that we could walk that path, that we were able to make such a decision. It is admirable but ignorant. When we are over a year and a half into a pandemic that has taken so many lives, such stubborn independence simply cannot remain unchecked.

Our blind defiance of authority is not the only culprit here. We must address the year and a half of disinformation designed to destabilize our trust in resources that are meant to save our lives during a pandemic, and we cannot overlook the decades of propaganda against vaccines that have been supercharged online and believed by far too many.

In the age of information, it can be difficult to know what to believe, and often those struggling to find the truth fall prey to misinformation. But more so than that, people fall prey to indulging in their own biases, choosing to accept what they wish to be real rather than what actually is.

It is the tragic indictment of our selfishness and arrogance that we have reached a point of the pandemic wherein the federal government must step in, attempting to persuade the private sector to enforce vaccinations.

There can be no more half-measures to the pandemic response; we cannot wait another year and a half for Americans to eventually come around and take the virus seriously. We cannot wait for a change that may never even arrive. The federal government should never have had to reach this kind of impasse with the unvaccinated, where they must work to persuade employers to mandate vaccines. But the most bullish of the unvaccinated, who have had every opportunity to protect themselves and others, have forced their hand.

France Provides Free Birth Control for Women. America Violates Basic Human Rights.

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French health minister Olivier Veran recently announced that birth control will be free to all women up to age 25 starting next year. In addition to free contraception, this action will also provide free medical visits for women about reproductive health issues and other related topics. This is hardly the first progressive step France has taken in providing free reproductive care to women; all forms of birth control, including abortions, were already free for girls up to 18 years old. It is almost impossible to believe this is happening in another country in the present day, as state governments across the United States enact sweeping laws restricting women's reproductive rights. In the U.S., if you have health insurance, there is a chance you could get low-cost or free birth control pills. Without insurance, however, birth control can cost anywhere from \$50 (for "the pill") to \$1,300 (for an implant or IUD). Planned Parenthood does indeed provide all of these measures free of charge to anyone with or without insurance. However, Planned Parenthood has been struggling for years to obtain funding to continue providing free birth control for women. Most recently, on Sept. 1 Governor Greg Abbott of Texas signed into law a "heartbeat bill"

banning abortions from as early as six weeks. This is one of the nation's strictest abortion measures since the *Roe v. Wade* decision was announced by the Supreme Court in 1973. The stark contrast between France providing free birth control to women and laws being passed forbidding women from getting an abortion as early as six weeks shows how the U.S. government is fueled by patriarchal values that try to control women's bodies in any way they can.

France's Veran notes that young women are using less contraception than they used to due to financial difficulties. Thus, to combat this issue, France gives women the chance to protect themselves regardless of their financial situation. France is not the only European country that offers free birth control. According to NPR, Britain also offers free contraceptive methods, and Spain offers free pills and other forms of contraception. Many other European countries provide ways for women to choose how to regulate their reproductive system.

The American government, long a servant of the interests of white propertied men, has a storied history of oppressing women socially, politically, economically, and in almost every aspect of their lives. Even so, the government has found its way into controlling the one thing that shouldn't belong to anyone: our bodies. The

government is involved in regulating Planned Parenthood, insurance of birth control, and now making it illegal for women in Texas to get an abortion past the six-week mark. A woman who is six weeks pregnant means she has missed only one menstrual cycle. Thus, at this stage in the pregnancy, she might not even know she is pregnant. This law makes no exception for incest, rape, or any form of sexual assault. Additionally, this law rests in the hands of private citizens to enforce the law. Anyone who performs, helps, or is involved in a woman receiving an abortion can be sued by anyone. This law portrays women who get abortions as evil and killers of their unborn children. The government dismissed the very real truth that abortions are a form of birth control that people of all kinds get for many reasons. These valid reasons range from financial concerns, pregnancy as a result of incest/rape, not being ready to be a parent, or because they simply don't want it. Regardless of the reason, a woman should be able to do whatever she wants with her body without permission from the government. My body is my choice. This infamous phrase sums up the quintessential truth that what people do with their bodies is entirely their choice. The Texas abortion law and many other institutional regulations are a violation of human rights.

Amazon Offers Free Bachelor's Degrees to U.S. Employees

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Amazon recently announced an initiative to offer U.S. employees working under the company's aegis a fully-paid college experience. Set to begin in January of next year, the program will give Amazon employees a subsidy to attend an undergraduate institution in the United States. Not only will Amazon's front-line employees receive this benefit, but warehouse workers will also receive some free college tuition; however, the e-commerce giant will be paying for the workers' college tuition only if they agree to study in a particular field.

Although this program sounds facially charitable and very beneficial to Amazon employees, there is a kicker: the company has not yet decided which colleges they will allow their employees to attend, and Amazon has stated that they plan to pay \$5,250 yearly in tuition for the eligible workers. College tuition in the United States has been on the rise for the past decades as the majority of state colleges' tuition range from anywhere between \$10,000 to \$17,000 each year. The \$5,250 that Amazon is offering for their employees is far less than the

average yearly cost of most college tuitions in the United States. Many employees and others were left confused as to how Amazon will be giving their employees a "free college education" with only \$5,250 being given to each eligible worker. The company shared this past week that they will not be exceeding the \$5,250 cap due to their desire to keep students from having to pay taxes for educational assistance. "All 750,000 U.S. hourly employees are eligible to participate in Career Choice 90 days after starting at Amazon. This makes all 400,000 employees who joined the company since the start of the pandemic eligible to access Amazon-funded education opportunities," Amazon explained earlier this week in their description of the new program.

The company has also shared that they will only be giving this free education to employees who plan to study in one of a few specific fields, at a few specific institutions. Any employee who lacks interest in any of these fields will not receive a scholarship for their college education. Another issue with this arising program is that Amazon stated that the eligible employees must continue to work at the

company while receiving a college education. Many workers inquiring about this new opportunity are worried about balancing a full-time job while also focusing on their studies in one of the fields.

Why is Amazon offering to (partially) pay for 750,000 employees' college tuition? The reason behind the decision is to attract more future employees and retain current staff. Amazon estimates their tuition program will reach a total of about \$1.2 billion dollars in four years for the workers in the United States. With this rise in Amazon employees receiving degrees, the company will increase its talent pool and build a smarter and stronger staff. Amazon hopes that with this great benefit, people who are searching for jobs will inquire about working for Amazon rather than other large corporations. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, demand for skilled labor has increased substantially, as is the number of people applying graduate programs and other educational institutions. Amazon is taking advantage of these numbers, following a general trend of company initiatives to fill employee positions and create a resilient, pliable and educated workforce.

Jordan Peter-suck: Beware BPALC Speaker

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We have reached a point in the semester when the unceasing panic of the first few weeks begins to subside, and the campus events are on full blast. One cornerstone of campus extracurricular life is the series of campus speakers brought to discuss salient academic, political and social topics. One campus presence continuously brings questionable speakers and abuses this privilege: the Bucknell Program for American Leadership and Citizenship (BPALC).

The program expresses lofty goals to “explore fundamental ideas in the pursuit of truth through the liberal arts, to develop thoughtful and informed civic leaders, along with scholarship that supports the best traditions of academic freedom in America,” and many of their events have supported these honorable intentions; however, their decision to bring Jordan Peterson on October 19 is a complete and utter disgrace to the University’s name.

If any readers are not familiar, Jordan Peterson is a psychology professor at the University of Toronto-turned-YouTube-philosopher-turned-“mystical father figure” to a male-dominated fan-base. Seemingly from thin air, Peterson has emerged as an influential thought leader after his self-help book “12 Rules for Life” topped bestseller lists

back in 2018. Since then, he has received endless attention from social media and theory discussions, largely as a result of his radically antiquated ideas about gender.

According to an interview with The New York Times, Peterson wholeheartedly believes that “[t]he masculine spirit is under assault,” and that its destruction is entirely “obvious.” Peterson appeals to the white men who feel that white privilege is under attack. As a die-hard conservative, he has blamed the “assault” of masculinity solely on identity politics and all politics that glimmer as liberal. He argues, “that we [his white male audience] allow our shame and our guilt to be used as tools to manipulate us into accepting a future that we do not want to have,” particularly a future that empowers women as they are “undesirable” in leadership roles.

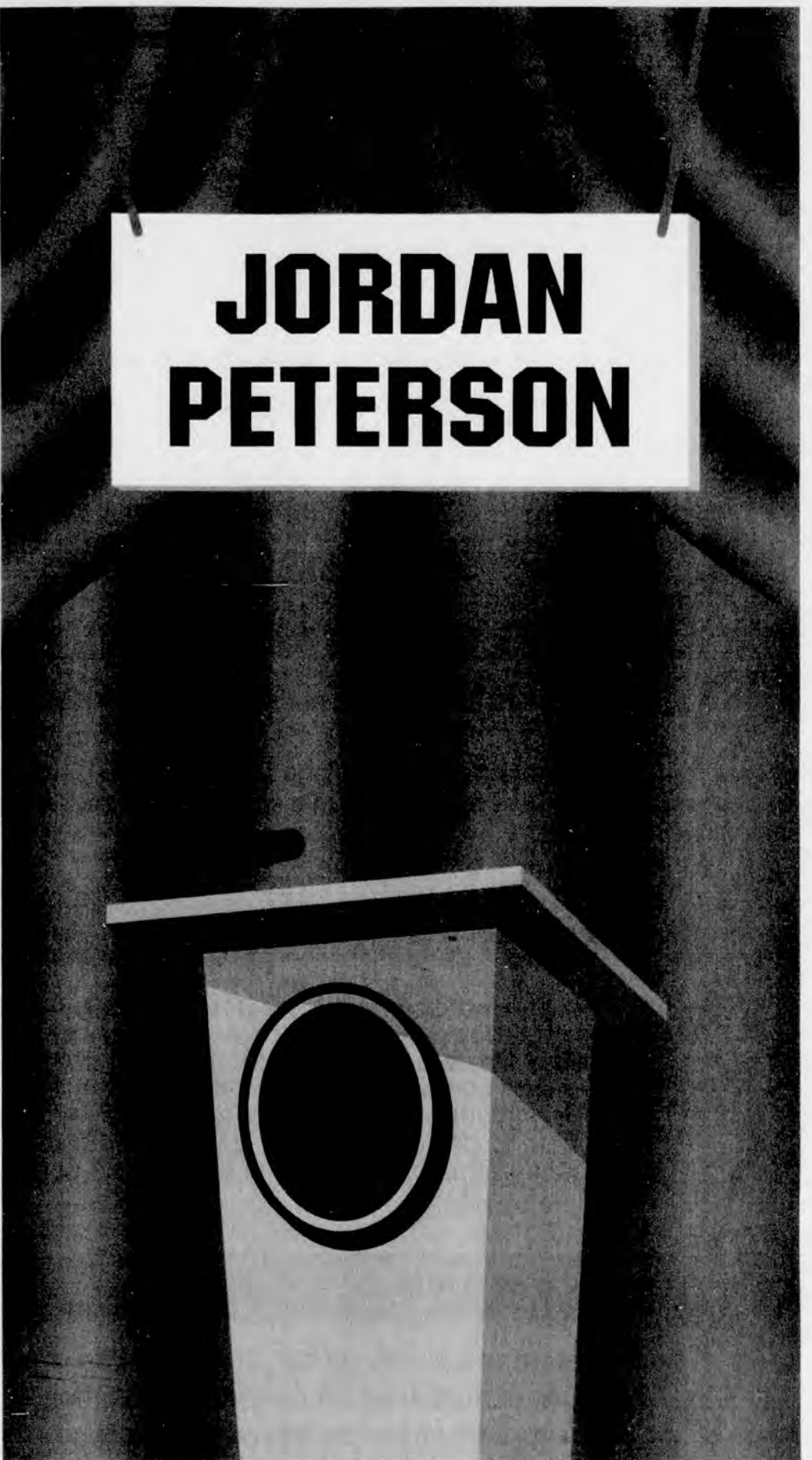
Peterson weaponizes certain grievances about “progressiveness” to promote a world where women and minorities are not meant to be uplifted and supported but are expected to be submissive to the “masculine spirit.”

So, who gave permission for such a problematic and potentially harmful speaker to come to campus? While the administration would be an easy outlet for outrage, BPALC is purposefully isolated from University affiliation. Instead, the program, which is paying Peterson, is funded by the Open Dis-

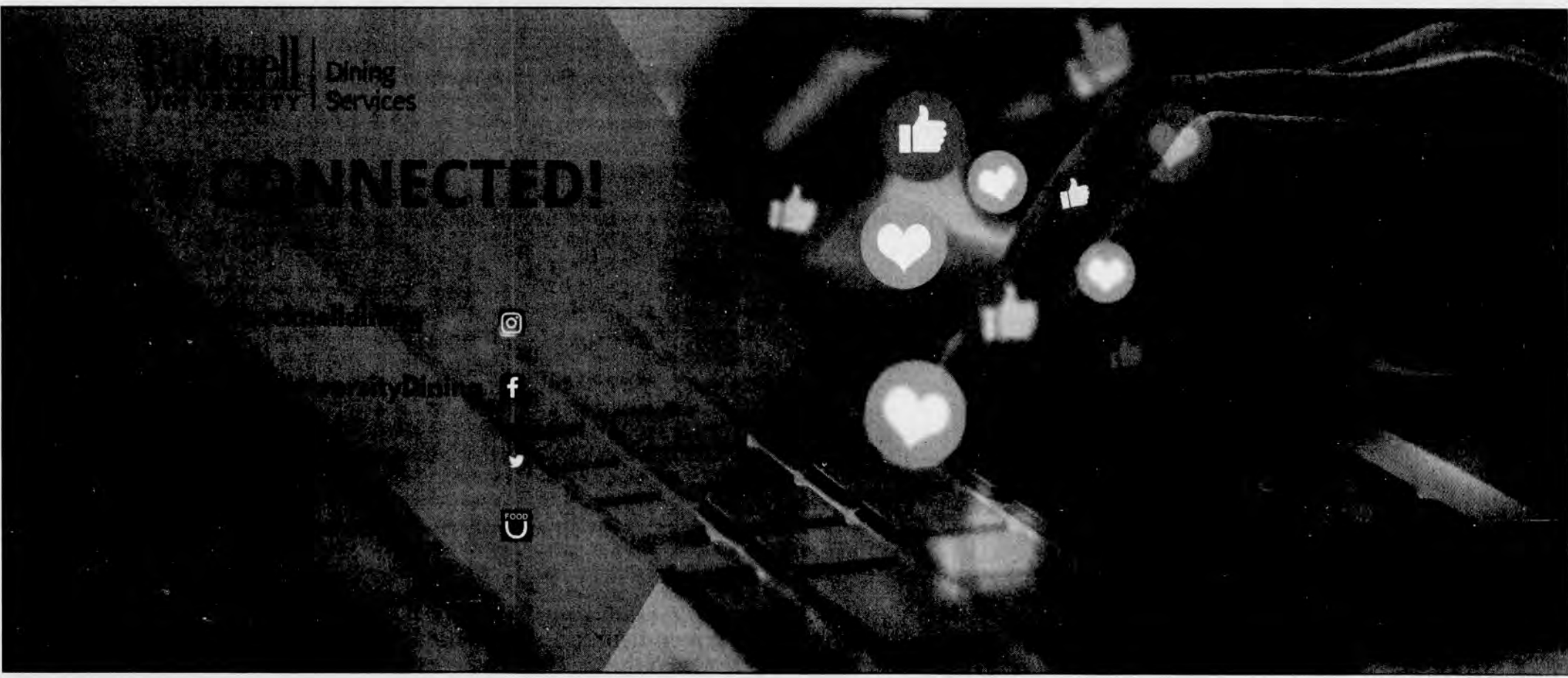
course Coalition.

Located near the University’s downtown offices, the non-profit organization is a dumping ground for wealthy alumni to support programs and events that ensure “openness to a variety of intellectual viewpoints.” The alumni who fund this organization explain that “free speech at our university is disappearing and civility is jeopardized by increasingly militant and mean-spirited discourse,” which provides a cover to bring speakers like Peterson to campus. The desire to open students’ “intellectual viewpoints” and preserve freedom of speech is crucial for our campus, but there is a line between invoking intellectual curiosity and promoting harmful, sexist dialogue.

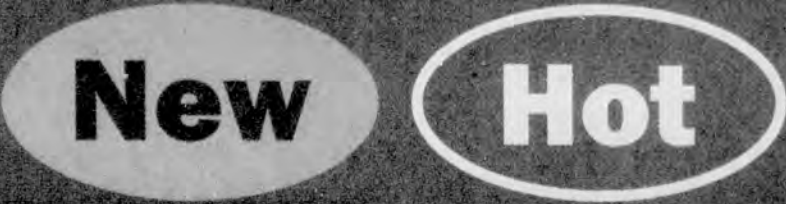
If the Open Discourse Coalition is willing to cross that line, then so be it. Obviously, the alumni have an agenda that is being played out through this non-profit and impacting students’ learning and campus culture. As the organization is sectioned off, there is no way to revoke Peterson’s compensation; however, the University does decide to give him the stage. The University permits the Open Discourse Coalition to rent out a campus space for events. Assuming that the University knows what the space is being used for, permission to house Peterson reveals a level of acceptance by the University for Peterson to spew his babbling.



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The Yak is Back

What is Yik Yak and why is everyone yapping about it?

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I'm sure everyone can remember the different social media platforms that have come in and out of fashion as they were growing up. There was a time where ask.fm was all anyone could talk about. Tumblr also had a moment of stardom from 2012-2016. Throughout the years, Twitter has been deemed relevant to then quickly become irrelevant again until the cycle repeats itself. Finally, a social media platform that is coming back into popularity in 2021, after almost a five year hiatus, is Yik Yak.

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Yik Yak is an app that allows people to anonymously create, post, react and view discussion threads based on their location. Users can react to these threads within a five-mile radius. Because the app is based on location, it has quickly picked up popularity on college campuses. Traditionally, college campuses are located in a rather small radius, allowing for most of the community to view and interact with the same Yik Yak threads.

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The app was originally created in 2013; however following extensive issues with cyberbullying, it was shut down in 2017. Yik Yak was then off the internet until 2021 when it was purchased from the original creators by Square for 1 million dollars. Square is an American financial services and digital payments company based out of San Francisco. Following the purchase of Yik Yak, Square decided to make adjustments to the app before relaunching it on August 15, 2021. Square explained the reasoning behind deciding to bring back the website, "We're bringing Yik Yak back because we believe the global community deserves a place to be authentic, a place to be equal and a place to connect with people nearby."

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Another value that Yik Yak considers vital concerns the idea of stereotypes, and how preconceived notions of the individual can harm a community connection. They allow the platform to be anonymous as a way to free people from the stereotypes they are usually associated with; "Yik Yak is a radically private network connecting you with the people around you," the website continues, with "[n]o strings (or labels) attached... We need risk-free, lens-free spaces to be vulnerable, to be curious, and to learn more about the people around us." Therefore Yak Yak hopes to create a community where users are able to be more vulnerable and connect through sharing their thoughts anonymously.

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Some particularly popular Yik Yaks from the Bucknell community were as followed:
"God I miss my mom."
"I miss wawa."
"Tours make me feel like an extra in someone else's movie."
Again, all of these are anonymously written.

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Despite their efforts to combat cyberbullying, how much can an anonymous platform monitor this promise? According to their website, this iteration of Yik Yak will take a slightly more active approach to controlling cyberbullying and hateful messages, noting it as "[a]gainst the community guardrails to post bullying messages or use hate speech, make threats or share anyone's private information." Furthermore, any post with 5 + reports is automatically removed from the site. The app also has the ability to track comments back to the user if community guidelines are violated. Given the history of the app, these rules seem rather loose, and still provide a platform for insulting or libelous speech to run rampant with little accountability. When asked their opinion on the app, Madison Lance '22 explained that while, "I think it's a funny platform [...] I definitely see the opportunity for cyberbullying. People are going to have to be careful with it and just make sure it doesn't get out of hand." Other students have been more vocal in their disdain for the app; Aidan Perry '22 suggested that "if you have this app, I think you should delete it. We need to be actively assessing whether or not what we are doing is beneficial. This app gives people a platform to hide behind their screens and spew hate."

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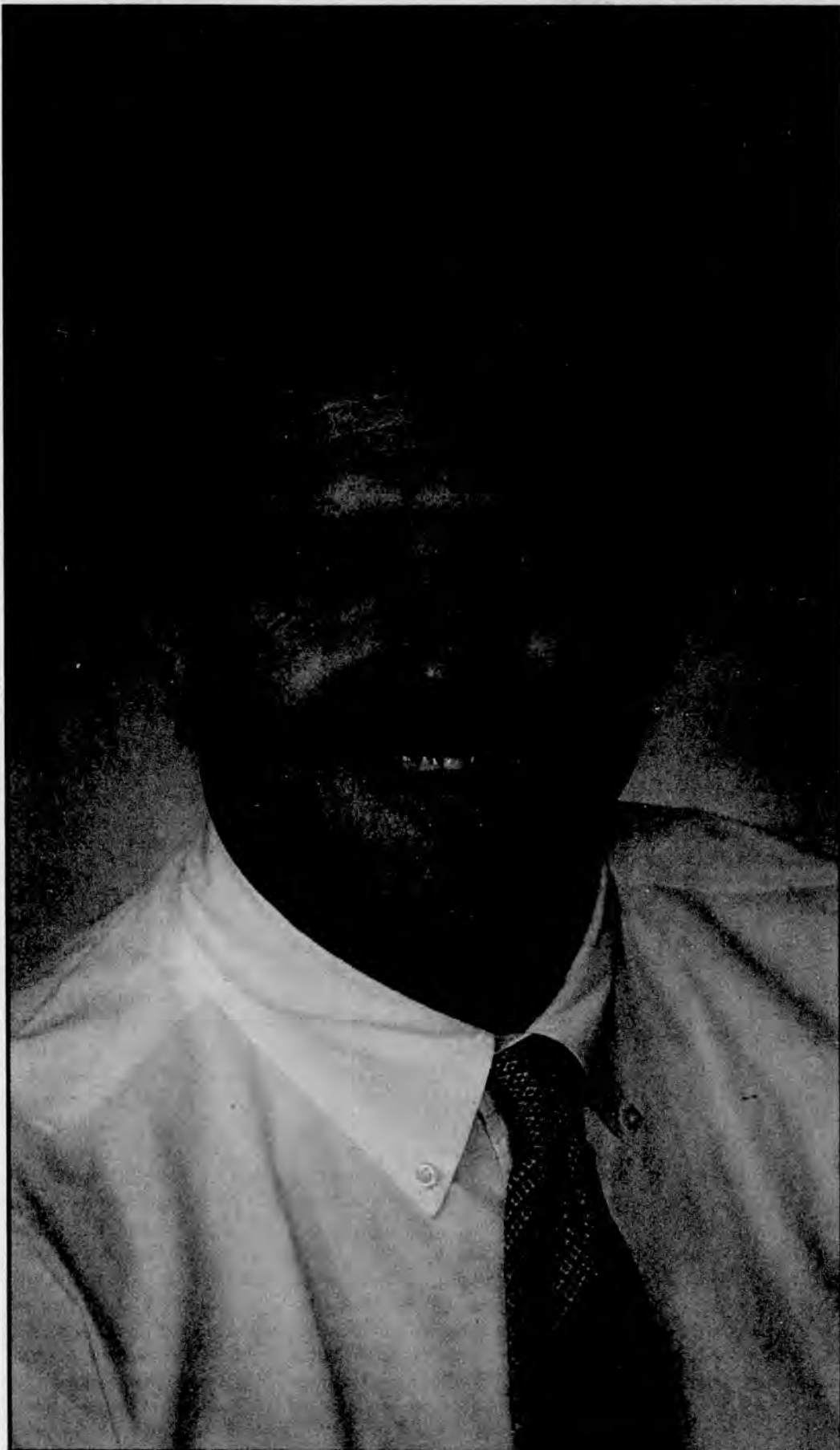
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Apps like Yik Yak and other anonymous social media services provide opportunities for both collective community vulnerability - as explained in the app's mission statement - as well as the worst excesses of unaccountable vilification, hate speech and violence. Yik Yak could certainly continue to act as a funny and entertaining app and a space for students to joke while sharing in the college experience, but it just as easily could slip into a forum for character assassination and defamatory rumours. The yak may be back, but it's up to the community collectively to ensure that these adverse consequences don't return in its train.

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In Memoriam: Dean Lewis "Chip" Marrara Has Passed

A valued member of the Bucknell
community, father, friend

Bucknellian Editorial
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In an email sent by President John Bravman last Friday, the University announced the death of Dean Lewis "Chip" Marrara. He was 54 years old.

"As assistant dean of students and student conduct administrator in the Division of Student Affairs, Chip helped guide students through difficult times in their collegiate lives," said President Bravman in his email.

Bravman went on to note, "Chip helped guide students through difficult times in their collegiate lives... he will be dearly missed."

Marrara also served as the Assistant Dean of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs while also acting as the advisor for a number of student clubs and organizations for the past 18 years.

Family was received late Tuesday, with a funeral mass on Wednesday morning.

"He was a loyal and devoted friend to many, wheth-

er it was kayaking Pine Creek, mountain biking with BEMBA where he served as treasurer, skiing in Lake Placid and Colorado and golfing with his Theta Chi brothers. He will be deeply missed by friends, family, and all who knew him," his obituary read.

Fellow mountain biker Nicholas Fardone '22, "He was super passionate about BEMBA and always tried to get new people involved. I went to those rides twice and he pretty much ran the show." He continued, "The few times I went, he rode with the inexperienced riders to teach them skills and go over the basics with them, which was pretty cool to see. It definitely inspired the Bucknell Cycling Club to reach out to less experienced riders and get them introduced to the sport. I wish I had the opportunity to ride with him more, he will be missed."

Friend and neighbor,

Professor Sue Ellen Henry, "Chip was a deeply engaged community member and university citizen. He will be badly missed."

Bravman offered the mental health support of the Counseling & Student Development Center in his email. He also said that faculty should reach out to the Employee Assistance Program if they need support.

For his funeral, his family has asked that donations be made to BEMBA (www.baldeaglemtb.org), Susquehanna Valley Youth Hockey League (www.sunburys-tampedeohockey.com), or the Green Dragon Foundation (www.greendragon-foundation.org), instead of sending flowers.

The *Bucknellian* extends its deepest condolences to the friends and family of Dean Marrara. To share experiences and sympathies with the Marrara family, please visit inmemoriam.bucknell.edu.

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Family weekend attracts thousands from across country

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This past weekend, it was hard to miss the infectious energy throughout campus as parents and families visited from all parts of the country.

The total registration for this year's activities reached nearly 4,000 people including students and their families.

For many students, this last month has been filled with new adventures and challenges as many first-years adjusted to life away from home. Now, with a month of college classes and activities under their belts, there was visible excitement to share their new home with loved ones during the University's annual Family Weekend.

The weekend festivities began Friday evening, during the Family Dinner, located under tents near the Christy-Mathewson Stadium. The buffet-style meal was a lively reunion complete with a drink station, music and a popular photo area where families could green screen themselves in front of the University's most iconic buildings and landscapes, such as the Bertrand Library and the Malesardi Quad. To remember the event, families were given a snow globe with their photograph inside.

Friday also marked the opening night of the first-year play, *Anxious People*, written by Carol Lee and directed by Abby Strayer '22.

This lighthearted yet relatable culmination of humorous short skits addressed the nerves, upsets, embarrass-

ments and overall anxieties that accompany day-to-day life.

The Downey family from Allentown, Pa. said that their most memorable experience from the weekend was watching the first-year play and seeing their daughter Sarah Downey '25 perform.

The festivities did not slow down as they rolled into the Bingo Brunch on Saturday morning. This event was filled with prizes for the families and provided a great opportunity for the campus community to socialize with one another.

By midafternoon, Christy's A Cappella Concert commenced in the Weis Center for The Performing Arts. At Christy's, the audience enjoyed the performances of four of the University's a cappella groups: The Offbeats, Beyond Unison, The Silhouettes and Two Past Midnight.

This long-standing University tradition featured songs ranging from a calming arrangement of "Malibu" by Miley Cyrus to the singing of Stevie Nicks' rock sensation "Edge of Seventeen."

Excitement lingered in the air as the evening tailgate and football game against the University of Pennsylvania approached. Orange and Blue spirit covered the stadium as families celebrated not only the team but the first responders, healthcare workers and military members in the audience.

Following the game, an impressive fireworks display served as the finale of the weekend's events.

INVESTIGATIVE NEWS:

Students don't know about the Women's Resource Center. Here's why.

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For many years the University has had a Women's Resource Center (WRC)—according to their website page, the WRC is "a place of advocacy, support and safety for all members of the University community" that "seek[s] to foster a campus community in which women and men live and work in a climate of mutual respect, understanding and equality." Despite their relevant role and meaningful goals, which are important to the experiences of all students, lots of students are unaware of such a resource ever existing on campus.

Last year, Kelsey Hicks-Bunn vacated the position of Director of the Women's Resource Center. Since her leave, the position has remained unfulfilled, with no visible and resolute actions being taken to fill it. Consequently, the WRC has ceased to function, with no events or programs being hosted and a growing absence at other community events.

When the Women's Resource Center was at its peak, there was a small community of students and faculty who valued its initiatives and the space it provided.

Assistant Professor of Women's & Gender Studies, Erica Delsandro, who originally brought this issue to light, shares how "historically, WRCs provided a resource for women on campus when there was little institutional recognition of

women's differential experience in higher education."

Over the last decade or so, the WRC at the University led several initiatives—including the Clothesline Project, Take Back the Night, and International Women's Day—and sponsored speakers and workshops as well as reading groups. "In recent years, under Kelsey Hicks, the WRC emphasized an intersectional approach to supporting women—cisgender and trans, women of all races and ethnicities, queer and straight women—and expanded the programming to include Women of Color Wednesdays and workshops oriented by self-care practices, to name a few newer additions. Kelsey also had a podcast called What She Said. The WRC was an integral part of student life, and most recently, an important resource for students of color," Delsandro said.

Bill Flack, Professor and Chair of the Psychology Department, added that these programs "promoted understanding of intersectional feminism and support for women's experience."

One student who worked with the Women's Resource Center is Akil Atkins '22. The center "fulfilled a lot of roles on the campus, the most primary one being a dedicated space to provide support for women across campus. The WRC provided a space for women to gather and discuss their experiences on campus, but also provided resources to deal with things such as sexual assault without being mandated reporters if those talk-

ing about the issues did not wish. Without the WRC there is a lack of support for the specific issues that women face on campus, and there will continue to be a deficit until the position is filled," Atkins said.

Paris Grigsby '22 is another student who was involved with the Women's Resource Center. Grigsby shared that she would often attend Women of Color Wednesday and spend time doing work or chatting in the WRC room. In my experience, this is typically a space that students of color frequent to get work done and bond with one another. Women of Color Wednesdays were typically hosted in this space, and because it's tucked near the MSS offices, it makes for a private, intimate, and welcoming atmosphere," Grigsby said.

Given the significant role that the Women's Resource Center evidently played on campus for many of these students and faculty, as well as the vast majority of students who have not yet had the opportunity to get to know the WRC, some are questioning why the vacancy of the director position and suspended status of the center are not being addressed with more urgency.

On Tuesday, Sept. 14, President Bravman addressed Bill Flack's question about the status of the Women's Resource Center, as well as the Sexual Assault Survivors Advocates, in a private email to faculty. Bravman pointed towards the realignment of sexual misconduct resources

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BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Jaxon White
Senior Writer

INTERNATIONAL

Lily Batchelder has been confirmed by the Senate as President Biden's pick to serve as the assistant secretary for tax policy in the Treasury Department. In the past, she has supported Biden's proposal for an increase in the minimum tax on corporations' foreign revenue.

A salmonella outbreak has hit at least 127 people in about 25 different states since the start of August, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Salmonella Oranienburg is observed to be the main strain in the outbreak. The source of the outbreak is unknown at this time.

DOMESTIC

Footage of US Border Patrol agents on horseback using harsh tactics against Haitian immigrants has surfaced. It appears in the videos that agents swung whips and reins towards the migrants who crossed the US-Mexico border. The White House is currently looking into these events for more information.

A United Nations committee has been put in charge of deciding whether the Taliban will be permitted to address World Leaders at the United Nations. This debate comes about a month after the Taliban rapidly took over Afghanistan.

New Faculty Spotlight: Who is Professor Bermingham?

Jessie Castellano
Contributing Writer

Meet Katherine Bermingham: born and raised in Massachusetts, she has a strong resume that has landed her first full-time professor gig at the University. She graduated from Georgetown University and got her PhD from The University of Notre Dame — now, she is a professor of Political Theory and American Political Thought this fall semester.

What led Professor Bermingham to become a professor?

She just finished her PhD program by defending her dissertation in February, 2021. She also taught in graduate school as a TA.

"I've known that I wanted to teach since I was a junior in college. I mean there is

nothing more exciting to me than reading these texts with folks who are reading them for the first time. You can probably tell I get really excited by what we're talking about," Bermingham said.

Most of Professor Bermingham's scholarly research is about female political theorist, Hannah Arendt, who says that political action is acting in concert with other people.

"In grad school, part of what I was doing was organizing with other folks for gender justice and reproductive rights at Notre Dame. I helped start an organization there called Irish 4 Reproductive Health, which makes safe sex supplies available and advocates for unobstructed access to reproductive health care," she said.

They started the program during the Trump administration, which for various reasons made the issues more intense. It was a small way to push back against something she considered meaningful.

"I loved being able to put my values into the world in a way that was beyond the classroom.

I want my students to understand that in the texts we are reading all of these 'great thinkers' disagree with one another about the important questions they deal with. I want them to see the history of political thought more importantly, as not just a collection of dead ideas, but a collection of live ideas that are continuing to animate our understandings of not only our communities, but also ourselves. Hopefully the purpose

of reading these texts is not just to understand what someone like Aristotle thinks, but to start to understand the sources of our own attitudes, opinions, and ideas," Bermingham said.

Despite the challenges higher education has faced in the last year and a half due to the pandemic, Professor Bermingham said her students come into classes with open minds as she provides a positive space for students to engage and share their opinions.

She is excited to continue providing her students with open classroom discussion and a forward-looking attitude. She'll be teaching a course on feminist theory in the spring, which will be more focused on her own scholarly research.

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

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as the main resolution to the issue at hand for the current time being, and concluded by saying that "the Women's Resource Center position has not been abandoned, but it remains vacant as we continue to consider the proper organizational structures to align with legal requirements, and also consider the best structure to support our DEI initiatives." Throughout his response, he referred to the email Dean Amy Badal sent to students that provides a full overview of sexual misconduct information and resources.

This email from Dean Badal was received by the entire student body on Friday, Sept. 10. It outlined the University resources to report sexual misconduct and receive confidential support, introduced Samantha Hart as the new director of institutional equity and Title IX coordinator, and introduced Lindsey Higgins as the new Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Advocacy Coordinator; the email also listed other related resources such as the Counseling & Student Development Center, Bucknell Student Health, Public Safety, and SpeakUp as the only "education and outreach" resources.

When asked about her thoughts on the matter, Dean Badal echoed President Bravman in saying that "the Women's Resource Center Coordinator position is currently vacant as we consider the proper organizational structures and the best structure to support our diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives." Furthermore, she commented that the positions of the newly hired Hart and Higgins were put in place "to meet the needs of our students."

However, many are wondering if these resources — which are all solely focused on sexual misconduct and positioned more towards responsive and remedial support rather than preemptive and ongoing support, education, and community building — are enough to fulfill the role that the Women's Resource Center left behind.

Students and faculty provide their perspective and insight on the current state of support for women (and all other members) of the University community and how prioritizing the renewal of the WRC might be a beneficial decision for the entire campus community.

Grigsby begins by acknowledging the difficulty of this issue. "Support for women on campus right now is low, especially for women of color. Without the fulfillment of the WRC leadership role and with a campus that's often hostile and isolating for women of color, it's important to have a support system — rather more of a need," Grigsby said. It would be advantageous for the University to communicate with and listen to the needs of the student body — particularly the fe-

male student body—in order to determine what sort of support systems and resources are the best to maintain and promote.

Furthermore, it seems necessary for each resource to focus on its own primary goals. "While I do think the Diversity & Inclusion Offices have attempted to stand in for [the WRC], I believe there still needs to be a dedicated office and director to satisfy the needs of the Bucknell community," Atkins said.

"It would be useful for women on campus to have a place that prioritizes women and their empowerment in general, not only around issues of sexual assault. Reproductive rights, voting rights, violence against women and other minorities people — these are the sorts of topics that the WRC would engage with," Professor Flack said.

Professor Delsandro further these sentiments through her perspective as a Women's & Gender Studies scholar and thinker. "I think there are offices and positions that, through their mission, support women institutionally, such as Title IX and the Interpersonal Violence Prevention Coordinator. However, to know if women feel supported on campus, it is best to ask the women on campus. And not just those in the majority—white, cisgender, straight women. Do trans women feel recognized let alone supported? Do queer women feel supported outside of [LGBT Awareness Director] Bill McCoy's office and [Gender & Sexuality Alliance]? Do women of color feel supported outside of [the Black Student Union], for example? To support women across and through difference, there needs to be a culture of support on campus—an intersectional feminist ethic—that is signaled by institutional offices but also reaches beyond them," Professor Delsandro said.

Overall, those who were aware of the Women's Resource Center and are conscientious of the issues it tackled are not fully satisfied with the current state of support and resources for women on campus.

"I want there to be more opportunities for women to be vulnerable with each other and be able to celebrate and care for one another in a more intimate and private environment," Grigsby said.

"I think it is tremendously important for Bucknell to have a Women's Resource Center, particularly one that prioritizes inclusion and intersectionality in its programming, planning, and outreach. WRCs should be both a resource as well as a model of inclusive feminist ethics for all individuals of all gender identities and expressions. We could turn the question around: what would it mean for Bucknell to no longer have a WRC?" Delsandro said.



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For the first time in two years, Fall Fest is back!

Katie Cutler
Senior Writer

For high spirits and sugary snacks, look no further than the University's annual Fall Fest - an event widely anticipated by members of each class year.

Junior Katelyn Collins '23 reflected on her first year experience at Fall Fest in 2019, noting that she, "honestly wasn't sure if [she] was going to go until a couple people

in [her] hall knocked on everyone's doors and were adamant on leaving."

"Their upbeat energy encouraged me to tag along, and I remember laughing so hard at my friends waving frantically at the top of the Ferris Wheel. I was so happy to be in such a positive atmosphere, and getting the chance to meet people I otherwise wouldn't have had a chance to meet. Plus, the free cotton candy

and frozen ice pops were definitely an added bonus," Collins explained.

This anecdote epitomizes student opinion on Fall Fest, one of the few opportunities each year for students of all class years to interact and share in a variety of entertainments.

As Collins explains, the event's combination of opportunities to meet new people - and the free food - are attrac-

tive prospects for all years. Junior Kaity Bednarski '23 concurs with Collins, offering that she "must have had eighteen fried oreos" and adding, "I think the Flyson [food truck] made an appearance too."

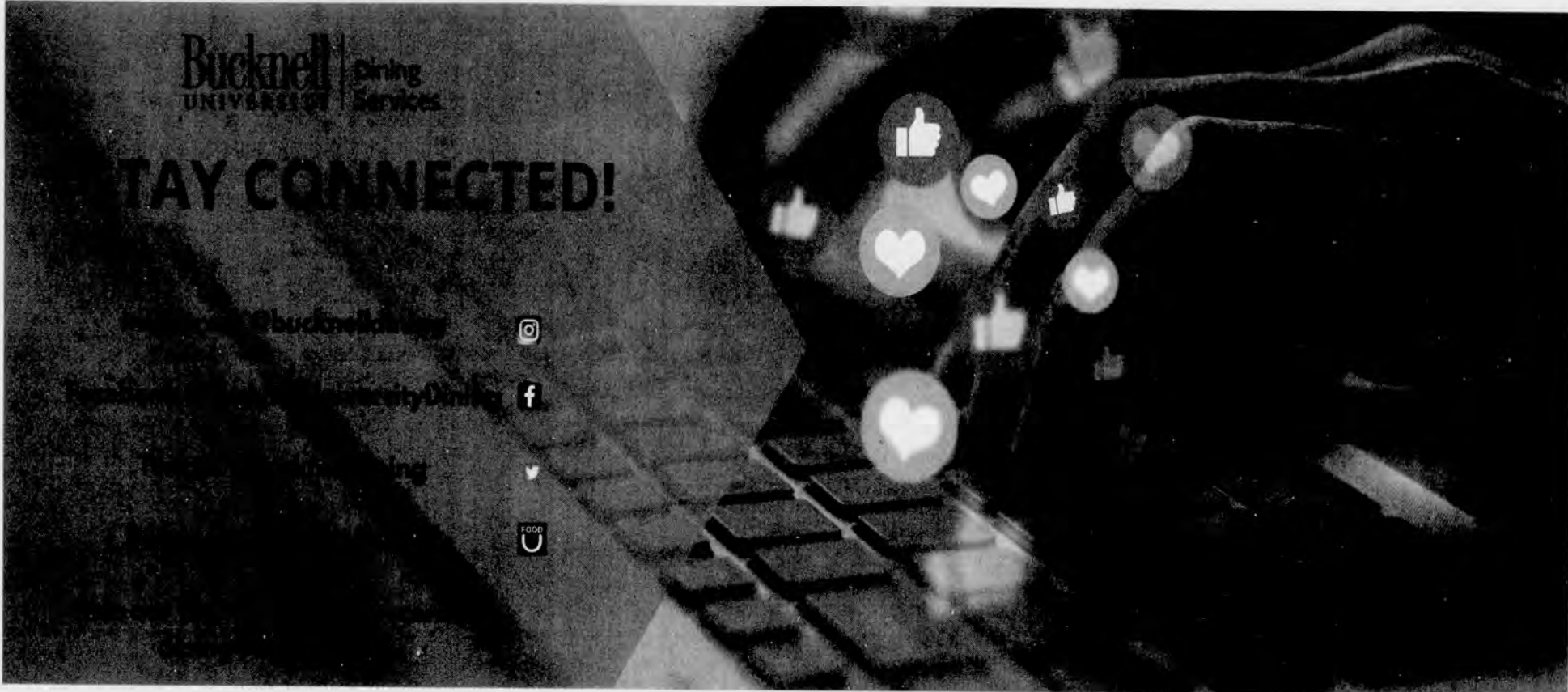
In addition to the food, past Fall Fests have included both student performances and shows by toweing musical figures like Jay Sean, B.O.B., and the Plain White T's. Both Collins and Bednarski remember

Jay Sean's performance at Fall Fest 2019, laughing as they remembered singing every word to his hit song "Down."

This year's Fall Fest includes plans of carnival rides, giveaways, and a performance by Shaquille O'Neal, performing under his stage name "DJ Diesel." Fall Fest is organized on a yearly basis by the Campus Activities and Programs (CAP) Center and Activities and Campus

Events (ACE), with preferences indicated through polls answered by students.

This year's Fall Fest will be taking place on Friday, September 24th from 5-10pm at the Sojka Pavilion. The event is only for students of the University and will be held rain or shine; prospective attendees should make sure they bring appropriate clothing for the weather, as well as their student ID.



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The University's retention rates are dropping.

Why are students leaving?

Katie Cutler
Senior Writer

It is late August in central Pennsylvania. The air is sweet and balmy, and the sun has dipped just below the pale-grey waves of mountains that spread over the horizon. Atop a hill not far from the downtown streets of Lewisburg, Pa., stand the tall brick buildings of Bucknell University, and on this special eve, a sea of first-year strangers proceed through the school's Christy Matthewson Gates. This walkthrough of the official entryway of the University is a symbolic act of initiation and the beginning of a student's four years. As they are herded through this portal, students' hearts leap with anticipation for the future that waits ahead. They wonder who they will be, what they will do, and where they will go. Four years later, upon graduation, these students will once more walk the Christy Matthewson Gates, though they will instead proceed out into the world with a loaded toolbox of time and knowledge on their belts.

Inevitably, some of these newcomers will not leave the University after four years via this exit, for they will transfer.

A study conducted defines retention as "the rate of matriculated students who remain at a school into their second year." They note that the average retention rate at four-year private non-profit institutions was 80 percent from Fall 2017 to 2018. Comparatively speaking, the University has done well with their scores, "traditionally hover[ing] between 88-92 percent." The purpose of this Task Force's study was to recognize and understand the "8-12 percent of students Bucknell does not retain" through the use of exploring data trends from student "Exit Interviews" or Predictive Analytic models. One must keep in mind that this study is recent, and their goals for increasing the University's retention will take time and work. It is also worth noting, however, that this number has trended downwards since 2016. Therefore, as a collective, the student body, faculty, staff and administration must work together to address and reflect upon the issues on our campus to create a space in which everyone can thrive.

This article will offer an intimate and informal glance into

the reality of why students are leaving. Four former University students have responded to a few simple questions regarding their choice to transfer. These interviews demonstrate similar trends pertaining to the factor(s) that contribute to a student's decision to leave.

Two of these students, Zoe Stupek and Nick Lizana, were athletes at the University, playing on one of the University's D1 sports teams. The two others, Keeley Schulman and Andrea Sanchez, chose the school simply for its overall academic appeal. With the exception of one, the general consensus is that these transfer students knew they were unhappy at the University right from the start. The issues they were having remained consistent and unchanged, regardless of how long they stayed. "I had thought about transferring all freshman year but finally pulled the plug and told my parents I wanted to transfer in September of sophomore year," Stupek said.

"I knew I wasn't happy at Bucknell after week 3, honestly. I kept trying to like it and convince myself but I already knew it wasn't my place," Schulman, who felt similarly, said.

For Schulman, however, Bucknell felt like the right place until sophomore year sorority recruitment. "I decided I wanted to transfer from Bucknell when I got blacklisted from all sororities," Schulman said.

The next question asked about the defining reasons that led to the decision to transfer. For the majority of these students, this choice was primarily related to the isolating nature of the University's social environment, the geographical location of campus and the lack of opportunity for general wellbeing and academic success.

"There was a point where my growth became stagnant. I felt like the person I had become no longer had opportunities for further development at Bucknell [and] I did not feel particularly challenged... Bucknell does not offer nearly as much support for the liberal arts education as it claims to provide," Sanchez said.

"Bucknell felt very baby to me... [It] doesn't have a lot of normal college experiences that people look forward to (ie. ath-

letic pride/football game days, bars, sorority houses), oh and not to mention living in a dorm until you're a literal senior in college is actually appalling... In terms of athletics, considering themselves a "division one" stumbled me when I came to find how underfunded all of our athletic programs are," Stupek said.

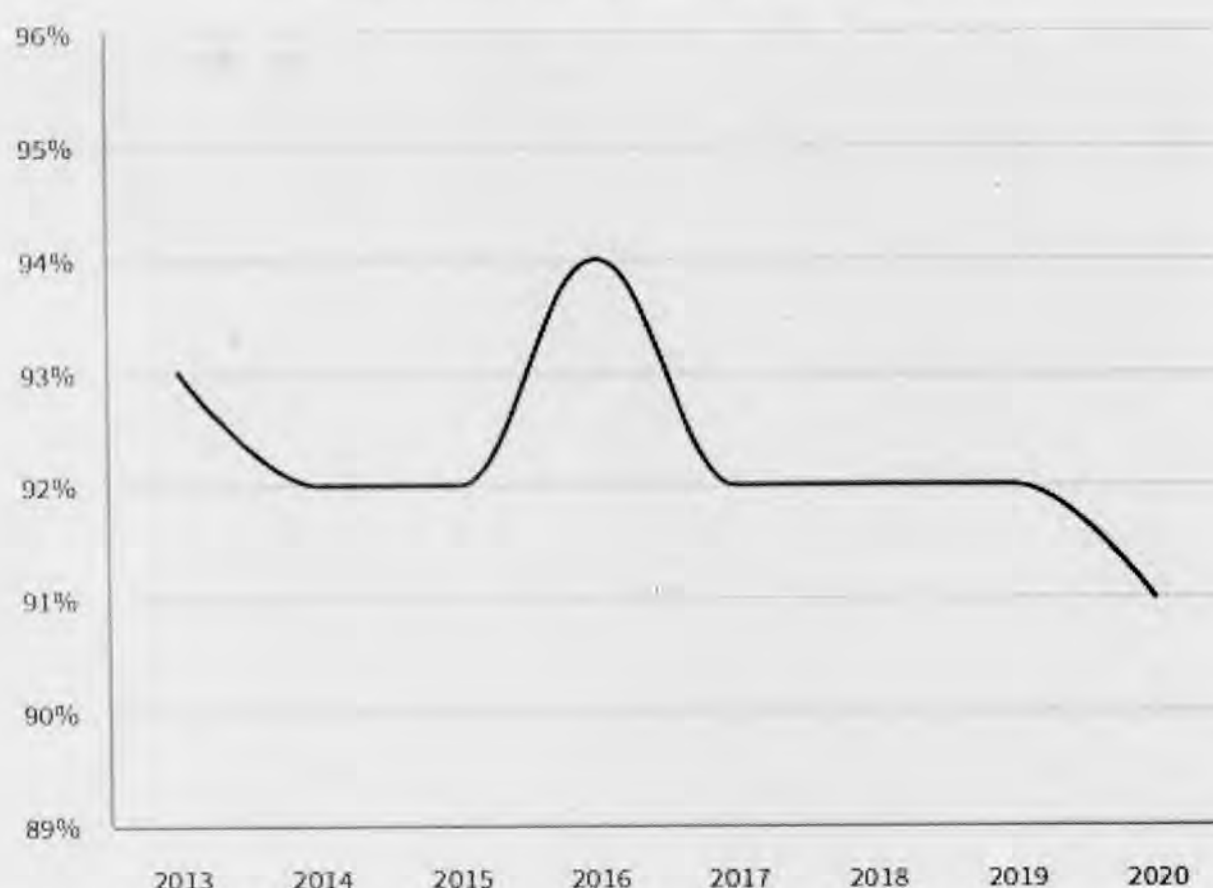
Another defining factor was that of isolation, with a mix of boredom. "I felt isolated as a minority and suffered periods of immense ennui. Everyday felt the same," Sanchez said.

"The main reason I left the school is how isolated it is. There isn't much of a town and the campus social life is frat dominated and lacks a variety of options," Lizana said.

"I had so many more life experiences during high school that when I came to Bucknell I was shocked how isolated and boring it was," Stupek said.

Schulman focused more on the characteristics of the student body itself. "The defining reason [I left] was I felt like I would have zero social life without Greek life and be an outcast," Schulman said.

First-to-second year retention rates for University. Source: Bucknell University Strategic Planning



A WORRYING DECLINE: FIRST-TO-SECOND YEAR RETENTION RATES HAVE DROPPED 2% SINCE 2013. WHAT EXPLAINS THE DIP?

These are opinions from only four transfer students of the same class year. These perspectives do not apply across the entire student body, for if they did, the University would not have the exceptional average retention (and graduation) rate that it has. Nevertheless, the observable trends in the answers of each of these students should compel us to act. Aside from unchangeable factors such as the geographical location of the University, how can we address the underlying issues? How can we fix the isolating, socially constraining, and growth-stunting environment on campus that these students experienced and are addressing? How can we create spaces in which students can connect with others deeply and find a sense of home? It can be done, and the University is already trying. A significant project that is currently in the works is "Bucknell-on-Purpose" by the CLTE grant team. Since January of 2020, this group has been working on addressing and finding solutions for the issues students are experiencing on campus. Through conducted surveys, focus groups, instrumental development, and

student research, they have found trends that corroborate my findings in these interviews. These themes include: "over-commitment; apathy (of peers); social alienation; and lack of inclusivity."

Overall, this team has found that a sense of purpose is a major factor pertaining to emotional wellbeing. They propose that "purpose and belonging/connection are intimately bound together." Upon channeling these conclusions into the "core question: How can we create conditions for exploring purpose through community at Bucknell and beyond?" this team created a "prototype answer." For six weeks, small groups of students led by a student/staff pair will explore "real experiences around purpose and belonging" and will be provided "opportunities to apply practices and tools interpersonally in the flow of... real [life]." We will see what this project reaps in the next semester.

On a final note, in our email exchanges regarding this project, Reverend Kurt Nelson, the leader of Bucknell-on-Purpose, beautifully captured the importance of purpose in our daily lives.

"Purpose matters. Knowing what we're here for, having a reason to get out of bed in the morning, and being able to talk about it, wrestle with it, adapt and change it is the reason why Bucknell exists, I hope. If we can encourage folks to be in community together around those big ideas, I think we can move the needle," Nelson said.

Although I have interviewed four students who decided to leave the University, there are 3,724 students that I could have interviewed who wished to stay.

Though I did not receive this sort of perspective in these interviews, the CLTE team was able to identify positive themes across their research on University students' experiences. Noted among these are: "friendship; 'real world' application of learning; opportunity to help others; encouragement to self-reflect; investment in academic work; and mentorship."

The University is doing a lot of things right. However, we can and will make it an even better place.

Study abroad applications extended

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With the original September 16 deadline for Spring 2022 Study Abroad applications having already come and gone, many students may have been relieved to see that the deadline has been extended to Friday, October 1.

As students have been getting into the swing of things at the start of the semester, there is no doubt that the September 16 deadline crept up faster than expected. The extended deadline offers students the opportunity to decide on a study

abroad program and complete all the necessary steps for the application, as well as a new opportunity for students in their sophomore year to apply to study abroad.

As stated on the Bucknell Message Center news update, "through the Study Abroad Programs link on the Global Ed webpage, you can research study abroad programs that best compliment your academic focus and interest."

Those who have not yet decided on a program should utilize this resource in order to find their potential best suited study abroad experience.

In addition to this re-

source, the Global Education Office hosted an information session as well as a study abroad fair this past weekend, while many parents and families were in town for Family Weekend. Additionally, the "Bucknell en France" program hosted a separate information session on September 18. This offered families of prospective study abroad students to learn more about the study abroad programs and think about a potential location.

"In the recent past COVID has limited students' opportunities to study abroad. Global Education was approved to open up the Spring 2022 semester

to all Sophomore students to apply and promote the extension and eligibility expansion Global Education extend our deadline to October 1," said Trace Coats, assistant director in the Office of Global and Off Campus Education.

With the extension, Coats said that they have already seen a "little bump" in applications.

"We always want to get as many students to have an abroad experience as possible," said Coats.

Coats believes that perhaps because students are unable to travel to a few popular destinations such as Australia, New Zealand, Japan and China,

due to COVID restrictions, there may be fewer applicants this year. This drop has not been significant, from 254 students during the Spring 2020 semester to 231 applicants this semester (with more to come!).

Students shared their sentiments on these updates from the Global Education office.

"Especially coming out of the pandemic, I think a lot of students have been wary about the concept of going abroad, which for me halted my application, process. I was really relieved when I found out that the deadline was moved because it

gave me more time to get situated and meet all the requirements for my application," Addy Campbell '23, said.

Many students share these feelings, and the extension offers the opportunity for those who are unsure about their decision to study abroad to further contemplate their plans.

Deciding on and applying to a Study Abroad program can appear to be a daunting process. With the help of the Global Education office, students wishing to study abroad can find a program that will be the most rewarding for them.

Counseling Center Really Sick of These Problems

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As the semester turbulently progresses, the University counseling center is quickly being forced to admit their counselors were not prepared for what was coming — phones are ringing off the hook and walk-in hours are piling up. The counselors need their own counselors.

After returning to some semblance of normalcy, students were shocked that the normal they were so eagerly anticipating actually really sucks. Much to the dismay of the counselors hired by the University, they are forced to deal with these trivial problems, and they're honestly kind of over it.

A major problem, and one first reported by Austin Tatious '23, stems from changes made within the campus dining facilities. While students are thankfully no longer forced into an involuntary hunger strike, many still point to areas where there may be room for improvement. The switch to flimsy, wooden cutlery is showing shocking parallels to the weak and useless motivation seen in students. When Tatious approached the Counseling Center with this observation, it was revealed he was not only mentally and emotionally impacted, but also physically maimed from the splinters left in the useless utensil's wake. Thankfully, the Counseling

and Health centers were able to team up on the complex issue.

Roommates have long been a problem for the Counseling Center since its beginnings, but this semester has brought on new and unique challenges. Many students were able to skirt undesirable housing situations in the last academic year by reporting their roommate had been a close contact of someone with COVID, but that option is less viable with the return to a standard living environment on campus. Instead, students are now complaining about being forced to share a living space to a tertiary party in lieu of talking it out with their roommates — a coping mechanism some counselors would suggest is ineffective, if they had the time.

Not only are roommate combinations crumbling within just a fraction of the semester, but broader socialization expectations are taking a toll on many. With students increasingly fraternizing off campus in the evenings, some report to their counselors that they feel their presence is valued in too many places to comfortably make a decision as to how they spend their time. Counselor Dee Cline, a mother of three who has not seen the inside of a children's unfriendly establishment in years, is struggling to feel remorse for students.

Counselors are reportedly tired and honestly kind of over these complaints, but hope next semester's problems carry a little more weight.

Boyfriend and Girlfriend Move Into Dorm Room Together to "Strengthen Their Relationship"

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Relationships in college can be a tricky thing to navigate. Whether it's partying too much, distance, alcoholism, or lack of communication, something is always bound to cause issues. Every word spoken and every step taken in a relationship must be calculated and strategic. It's all a big game. But one couple has recently decided to manage their issues by doing probably one of the worst things imaginable: moving into a dorm room together.

People sometimes struggle to live in an apartment or even a full-blown house with their significant other, so imagine living in a minuscule 10x15 foot dorm room together? Unimaginable. The decor was... interesting, to say the least. The two twin beds were pushed together to allow maximum room for activity, obviously.

Each side of the room was completely different. Like night and day. The girlfriend's side was entirely decorated in blindingly bright colors and pictures of her little rat-looking dog that she claimed her boyfriend "loves so much!" He made no following comment. School supplies were color coordinated, and clothing was folded and categorized in alphabetical order by the fabric it was made of.

The boyfriend's side of the room was an entirely different story. Dirty laundry covered the floor, the walls were empty, and there wasn't anything on the desk that appeared to be remotely useful for academics in any shape or form. The couple agreed that their "different lifestyles" help to create a "balance in their relationship."

Whatever that means. "We love living together," the girlfriend said. Other members of the hall seem to think otherwise.

"The RA had to break up an hour-long argument last week about who was supposed to take the garbage out," a hall resident said. Even Housing Services are sick of having to unlock the room after one of them decides to lock the other out, which supposedly happens at least once a week. Just yesterday, the girlfriend threw a full-on toddler-style tantrum because her boyfriend wouldn't kill a spider crawling on the ceiling.

Not only are residents tired of listening to the daily fights, but of the nightly activity as well. Various questionable noises can be heard coming from their room, echoing down the hall on a regular basis. "While they may not get along during the day, they sure do get along just fine at night from what I can hear," the RA said.

It has been a few weeks since we interviewed the couple, but we have already been updated that they peacefully broke up, left the dorm, and have now moved on to date other people. This time, however, their new significant others live on opposite sides of campus.

Moral of the story: don't move into a dorm with your significant other. Nothing good comes from it. Instead, try to see them as little as possible, like once a week for an hour at the absolute maximum. The more time you spend away from your boyfriend or girlfriend, the less time they have available to piss you off. And hey, maybe a little space can be a good thing because you know what they say, distance makes the heart grow fonder.

Peace and Quiet Enjoyed by Lewisburg Residents Comes to Screeching Halt

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Senior Writer

During these past few days Lewisburg locals reported much higher levels of noise pollution than usual; that being the parties, trap music and general skull-duggery among the campus population. While it would be expedient (and not entirely dishonest) to blame this ruckus on the rampant frat parties around campus, that would not be correct. The true culprit lies with the campus-wide celebration known as Parents Weekend. With parents celebrating their sons and daughters' accomplishments, there is bound to be serious issues regarding conduct, alcohol and respectful behavior in general. Of course I'm not saying that all parents are bad. Just most

of them. Should I poke fun at Greek life for this? Nah, not this time. I'm blaming all of you simply because I can. It isn't every day a near-universal student event occurs, but when it does like this past weekend, there is most certainly trouble.

Yes, I know it may be shocking to hear. Who could have imagined that the mature, responsible adults who sent their kids off to study hard, get good grades and respect the local townsfolk might be the ones behind the noise complaint? Such an assertion is mind-boggling. Then again, is anyone really surprised? Not really. We all know that parents can be just as rowdy as their kids are, but it's one of those things nobody at the school says out loud for fear that their funding will be

taken away. I mean, I can say it, because my family isn't rowdy in the slightest...except maybe at the football game, and the rugby game, and especially at the karaoke bar, and the — you know what? It doesn't matter. Who can help that during this weekend parents will be cheering on their kids extra hard during their games? I'm sure as long as they win (I'm looking at you, football players), it will all be worth it. Then again if they lose (now I'm really looking at you, football), the parents will be just as loud, likely yelling about how the ref messed up the clear foul, but still that's their kid on the field, so I understand it.

All in all, Lewisburg residents have little to fear. Soon enough, their peace and quiet will return, only to be

interrupted by the usual amount of trap music and drunken antics. For this weekend though, alcohol is the name of the game. As for me, my parents kept on getting distracted by the Sorority signs. One house said "DILFs welcome," and I had to keep an eye on them so they wouldn't run off; Mom so she wouldn't go ahead and join them (Who knew DILF were her sorority letters?), and Dad so he wouldn't...well then again, how generous would "DILF" be? Either way fun was had by all. To these ends however, I am very happy that out of all the circumstances in the world, the only thing Lewisburg residents can complain about is the families that come to the University and spend time with their children. Shame!

We Finally Figured Out Why the Mail Room Takes So Long to Scan in Your Package

AJ Lawrence
Contributing Writer

Amazing news, everyone! Here at The Bucknellian, we've finally found out the answer to one of the student body's longest-running questions — why does the mailroom take so long to process our packages? Newbie investigator Anne Aylis '24 has cracked the case after a very long, and somewhat unnecessary, stake out in one of the ceiling vents in the mailroom.

You may be asking: "So what is the secret process the mail room is keeping under wraps?" Well, the mailroom staff has simply made a deal with a demon! And it's not just any demon, either — they're a specific type that works as an emissary for the Academic Gods, those deities all students fear and pray to for good grades and test results.

Despite our attempts, we were unable to contact the demon for a direct interview. Still, we were able to gather information based on Anne's notes, which interestingly requested that staff call the demon "Rex." Despite the staggeringly small amount of information available, we now present to you what we have dubbed "The Probably-Six-Step Official Mail Room Process," beginning after the package is placed in the hands of this mortifying slow institution.

1. The staff draws a large circle with a series of images on the floor in the back room. Anne believes these images to be alternating envelopes and wings, but her sketch of the summoning circle looks like it's filled with feet and the letter M.

2. After the circle is completed and finished off with a lovely, sparkly, orange and gold, "fall-

scented" candle placed in the middle, the staff burns the slip of paper with the student's information on it, as well as an offering of failed homework assignments and tests for the Academic Gods; since it's common knowledge, the Gods feed on the blood and sweat students pour into their work, and later, on the tears, they cry as they fail miserably.

3. Rex is summoned and given the package waiting to be sent or received if the offering is good enough.

4. What happens next is not as clear to us since Rex will take the package and disappear for about a day before returning the package to the Mail Room with the word "SAFE" stamped on the top in invisible ink, likely in an attempt to verify the integrity of all packages.

5. Finally, the staff takes the student's pack-

age back and sends it off to be shipped or put in a pick-up locker, but not before giving Rex something as a thank you. Anne said it's mostly more homework, but he did see a failed 3D printing of a Greek statue once, so they probably give Rex anything that has failed.

6. The Mail Room staff repeats this process for every single package that they receive.

Knowing that your packages get processed via demon probably isn't very comforting, but further investigation has found that this is somehow a faster method than if the Mail Room staff used its own equipment; so in the long run, the staff seeking help from Rex is just them trying their best in this modern age. In a way, aren't we all trying to find our own Rex to help us?

Degenerate Student Makes Priest Cry After Confession

Bridgette Simpson
Satire Co-Editor

The University offers a lot of different services to students, including a variety of amenities for religious and spiritual life. One of these resources is the chapel confessional, which students of all faiths can visit to fulfill their religious duties.

Obviously, unless you are a devoutly religious person, you might not attend Confession very often. Even the best of us sometimes might not have enough time to attend mass or service as often as we might like, what with college life and all its complications in full swing. My grand-

ma will firmly tell you that I do, in fact, attend 9 a.m. mass every Sunday; however, the truth is that I don't even really know where the entrance to the chapel is.

This past Tuesday afternoon loud crying was heard coming from the confessionals, and when people went to check it out it appeared to be eliciting from an actual priest, not even a student.

When probed, the priest shared that "I cannot believe that society and our youth, the backbone of our future, is declining so quickly. It is so unfortunate to learn that these budding adults are adopting a 'do it for the vine' or a 'YOLO' or a 'full send' mental-

ity as I learned today, rather than focusing on academic success and personal improvement. Time spent binge drinking and pursuing fleeting meaningless sexual endeavors is time that I wish young adults would invest elsewhere."

The student in question, who will remain anonymous, offered a hot take after he heard of the priest's reaction to his 'bender' weekend: "The guy just can't hang, I guess. When I was, like, totally confessing to him, he just kept asking me 'Why?' I wanted to be like, bro, you gotta come to a function with us and then you'll see what it's like. And when I said that to him, he just started

crying and asking me if I asked for forgiveness, and I said sure."

In all of the University's years of student-sanctioned shenanigans, this is easily one of the most unique and strangest instances of tomfoolery to transpire.

When the anonymous student was prompted why he moved the priest to tears, he said "I just wanted to tell someone about my insane weekend. I might've done some illegal stuff, sure, but now it's illegal to share the insane sends from the weekend?" He laughed and continued, "I would've been there on Monday if I wasn't so damn hungover!!!"

Bucknell MakerSpace

Upcoming Events for All Class Years!

Juliana Rodrigues
Staff Writer

Creative and looking for activities to do on campus? The Seventh Street Studio & MakerSpace is the place you are looking for! Located on campus next to the Seventh Street Cafe, the MakerSpace holds multiple events every month free of charge for University students. It's a great place to take a break from studying and participate in fun crafts with

friends and fellow students. The MakerSpace is not just for crafty people but for anyone who wants to participate; all instructions are accessible, so all students have the chance to take home a fun project! For the remainder of this month and October, MakerSpace has published its events with sign-up links on its website. On Friday nights, the Maker-

Space events take place from 7-10 p.m., and on Saturday nights from 5-9 p.m. Weekday events do occur, but these will always require sign-up on the website, as mentioned. This is for a good reason! These events are popular and do fill up fast, so be sure to sign-up before all spots are taken! Events they have already announced are as follows:

Saturday, September 25th:
Acrylic Song Keychains

Tuesday, September 28th:
Stuffed Pumpkin Decoration @5pm
Wheel Thrown Mugs @5pm

Thursday, September 30th:
Sew your own Stuffed Pumpkin @8pm

Friday, October 1st:
Create your own Mini Corn Hole Set @6:30pm

Monday, October 4th:
Granny Squares Crochet Class @8pm

Saturday, October 2nd:
Calvin and Hobbes Paint Night @8pm

Thursday, October 7th:
Resin Cheese Boards @7pm

Monday, October 18th:
Crochet Earrings @8pm

Saturday, October 16th:
Embroidery Pumpkins

Tuesday, October 19th:
Sew your own Fanny Pack @5:30pm
Pottery Fruit Slice Coasters

Saturday, October 23rd:
Neon Signs @4:30pm

Thursday, October 21st:
Pottery Face Vase @5pm
Resin Pour Flower Preservation @7pm

Tuesday, October 26th:
Halloween Costume Workshop @5pm
Resin Pour Picture Frames @7pm

Thursday, October 28th:
Halloween Costume Workshop @5pm

The Seventh Street Studio & MakerSpace was opened at the University back in 2015. It has been a great resource the University provides for its students, giving opportunities to stay busy with something fun while providing all materials and instruction. Natalia Mancero '24 was happy to share her experience at the MakerSpace. "Last year during COVID—with such strict regulations—living in Vedder gave me the opportunity to pass MakerSpace almost everyday. Any events going on would automatically brighten my mood and I was happy to have been able to participate in a good amount. I'm glad I'll be able

to return to MakerSpace this year with my friends and attend the new events they'll have going on with the flexibility of less COVID regulations. I would recommend a MakerSpace event to any student on campus looking for something to do!" Mancero said. COVID and the restrictions it brought upon the university made last year a challenging year. The MakerSpace was able to adapt and still bring opportunities to students who otherwise may not have been able to do much. Last year, the MakerSpace put together various events, including String Art, Canvas Painting, Pumpkin Painting, Pillow Decorating Embroidery, lots of

dorm decor and many other artistic events!

MakerSpace also allows student organizations to reserve the studio for various events. For anything from Mosaic Flower Pots to Tie-Dye Shirts or Canvas Painting, the studio enables organizations to pick an activity and reserve the space with the simple completion of a google form! In the past, student organizations on campus showed great results of activities at the MakerSpace while also having that time to come together as a group outside of the typical functions of their organizations. Most recently, the Vedder Residential Advisor staff utilized the MakerSpace to

create T-Shirts for a staff bonding event. Having coordinated shirts for their kickball game brought the team together and provided a different bonding experience between the RAs creating the T-Shirts together. University Sorority Delta Gamma will be at the MakerSpace Studio this Sunday, also to make shirts. "I am looking forward to spending some time with my sisters this Sunday at makerspace to make fun DG shirts and sweatshirts! It is a great chance for me to get to know the other girls in my sorority and have some fun making a shirt I can wear around campus! Being new to the sorority has been amazing thus far and I'm happy I'll

have this chance to get to know more of the wonderful girls in the sorority!" Ally Neuendorff '24, a new member of the sorority, shared. With such great reviews, if you are looking for a chance to bond with your on-campus group, the MakerSpace is a great place to do it!

The Seventh Street Studio & MakerSpace Instagram promotes all events they hold. Follow @7thstreetstudio_makerspace to stay updated and browse through past events and craft results. To sign up for any of the events listed or to reserve the studio, visit the 7thstreet.maker.bucknell.edu website!



TWO-WIN WEEKEND FOR BISON FIELD HOCKEY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S WATER POLO
VS GEORGE WASHINGTON
ON SEPT. 26 AT 1PM
VS WAGNER ON SEPT. 26
AT 5PM

VOLLEYBALL
VS LAFAYETTE SEPT. 24
AT 7PM

WOMEN'S GOLF
BUCKNELL INVITATIONAL
ON SEPT. 24-25

MEN'S SOCCER
VS ARMY SEPT. 24 AT 6PM

Holly Burns
Sports Co-Editor

This past weekend the Bison field hockey squad fought hard for two wins in the opening weekend of Patriot League play. The wins were a whole team effort, with a total of seven different goal-scorers throughout the weekend.

The Orange and Blue completely dominated their first league game of the season, securing a 7-2 victory. First-year Lilly Nielson led

this tremendous effort, tallying a school-record five goals on the day. Three of Nielson's goals came in the second quarter, making it a hat-trick in a single quarter alone. Nielson earned Patriot League Rookie of the Week, Offensive Player of the Week, and Bison Athlete of the Week for her record-breaking performance.

Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week Erin Zielinski '22 proved simi-

larly pivotal to the victory, adding three assists on the day in addition to her usual lock-down defense. Juniors Mackenzie Kile, Maddie Rehak, and Kayla Kisthardt all contributed to strong play in the midfield, each adding at least one helper on the day.

The Orange and Blue continued this momentum into their Sunday matchup against Sacred Heart, where they earned a resilient 4-2 comeback win. After going

down two goals early in the first quarter, four different Bison were able to find the back of the net and lead the squad to victory. MK Stefanowicz '22, Reanne Burgess '24, Rachel Apa '24 and Rehak all tallied goals.

Despite a tough first quarter, the Bison dominated overall with a 19-6 shot advantage and a 14-3 penalty corner advantage.

"It was a really fun atmosphere to be playing in.

We had a lot of friends and family at the games, and ended up scoring tons of goals," Grace McEvoy '22 said.

This big win weekend gives the Orange and Blue a 5-2-0 record so far this season. The Bison hope to continue this winning streak as they travel to Massachusetts this weekend to face Patriot League foe Boston University, in addition to Harvard University.

Bison Women's Soccer Gain a Huge Win in Patriot League Opener

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Contributing Writer

Bison women's soccer got off to a stellar start in their 2021 Patriot League campaign with an impressive 4-2 win over two-time defending champions Navy on Saturday.

The Bison took a 3-0 courtesy of two goals from Rylee Donaldson '23 and one goal from Kelley Francis '25. Navy pulled two back in the second half to make it 3-2 for a nervy ending until Teresa Deda '25 sealed the win with her first collegiate goal with five minutes remaining.

"The team was very excited to play against Navy, especially because it was parent's weekend. For the past three years, we have not beat Navy, so emotions were very high leading into this game," Leanne Engemann '23 said.

The Orange and Blue have been firing on the offensive side with seven goals in their last two games and outshooting Navy 17-10. Navy had not conceded four goals in a single Patriot League game since 2005. Engemann attributed this performance to the team's preparation. "Our confidence we have gained going into Patriot League play has influenced our goal scoring the most thus far," Engemann said.

First-year striker Kelley Francis put on a brilliant Patriot League debut, scoring with her first touch after coming on before a corner kick in the 25th minute.

"After scoring my first Patriot League goal, I felt excited and hungry for more goals. Scoring four goals on Navy made me feel like we really have a chance to win a Patriot League championship."

"The team as a whole is my support system here at Bucknell. I am so fortunate to be able to have the opportunity to play on the women's soccer team because I have already made lifelong friendships. The leadership on this team is so amazing, and I think we have a really special bond this year, which is why we are connecting so well on the field," Francis said.

A memorable performance by Deda with a goal and assist won her the Patriot League Midfielder and Rookie of the Week.

The win sends a firm message to the rest of the Patriot League, showing that they mean business this season.

The Bison followed up with a 3-0 victory over American on Sept. 22. The Bison got goals from Paige Temple '25, Donaldson, and Abby Gehart '23,

Tough Draw for Men's Soccer Patriot League Opener

Lea Tarzy
Contributing Writer

This past Saturday, the Bison men's soccer team went up against Lafayette in their first Patriot League game of the year. In the past 90 years, the two teams have faced off seventy-two times and were tied going into this game, with each team claiming 32 wins and drawing eight times. This past weekend followed that trend.

After 110 minutes of play, the Bison and Lafayette added another tie to the list as the game remained scoreless after double overtime. "Overall, the game went well, there were moments when we had to dig deep, but with a few guys missing we came out with a result. We got a point and if we can't go for three, we go for one," captain Alex Clarke '22 said.

Goalkeeper Bennett Schwartz '23, made five saves to keep the Bison in the game. One play, in particular, stood out: an impressive diving save in the 55th minute to shut down a header

shot from Lafayette's Marcos Kitromilides. Kitromilides also had an opportunity earlier in the game, nearly scoring but hitting the crossbar instead.

This scoreless game signaled the end of forward Jordan Miller's '24 scoring streak. Miller found the back of the net five times in the past four games but could not manage to continue this pattern against Lafayette. In fact, in the past seven contests between these two teams, the Bison men have only scored once. "It was a hard fought game. They had their chances, and we had ours. Especially in the second part of overtime, there was a lot of back and forth. We defended well, kept a clean sheet, and got away with a point. Now we look to get that W against Army on Saturday," midfielder Brennan Gac '24 said.

The Bison will look to return to their winning ways and earn their first Patriot League victory of the season this Saturday, Sept. 25, as they take on Army at home at 6 p.m.

Bison Volleyball Goes 1-1 on Patri- ot League Opening Weekend

Brooke Tracey
Contributing Writer

The Bison volleyball team opened up Patriot League play last weekend, going 1-1 for the weekend at two away games. The Orange and Blue started the weekend at Army with a tough three-set defeat, but quickly bounced back to top Holy Cross in a four-set match. The Bison now sit at 5-6 on the season and 1-1 in the Patriot League.

On Friday, the Bison gave it their all against the reigning Patriot League champions, leading all three sets but ultimately falling just short of victory. In the first set, the Bison held Army to a seven-point lead, until the Black Knights rallied seven points of their own to tie the set 14-14. The Bison continued to fight, holding Army to set point at 26-25 before they converted another three points, ending the first set at 28-26 Army. The Bison came out strong again in the second set, but could not hold on as the Black Knights took their largest lead of the

night, ending the second set 25-17 in Army's favor. Even down 2-0, the Bison persevered, leading the third set 19-18. This was their final lead of the night however as Army took a 7-2 run to shut out the Bison 25-21.

Despite the loss, the Orange and Blue had many notable performances. Both Catherine Jamison '24 and Libby Nieporte '24 each had a high of 10 kills, closely followed by Lisa Zoch '23 with eight kills. Sarah Ramirez '24 led with 31 assists.

"Although it was a tough loss against Army, [they] competed at [their] highest level. [Army] is the best team in the league, and it was pretty head to head throughout," Jamison said.

It was a quick turnaround for the Bison, with the team traveling from Army to Holy Cross to face the Crusaders on Sept. 18. The Bison started off slow, allowing the Crusaders to ease past with a 8-1 run resulting in a 25-16 loss of the first set. But the Or-

ange and Blue rebounded quickly, evening the match at 1-1 with a 25-20 second-set win. The third set ended the same as the second, after the Bison made two 5-1 runs, with three points from Jen Sivak '25. The Bison left a statement in the fourth set of the match, winning by a margin of 10 at 25-15.

Key performances for the Bison included a match and career high of 18 kills from Jamison, followed by Nieporte with nine kills and seven digs and Allie Lopez '24 with seven kills and six block assists.

When asked about their second result of the weekend, Jamison was much more upbeat, noting how everyone was "super excited about [their] first league win" and felt it "was a great weekend for the team."

The Bison will look to keep their winning streak alive as they take on Lafayette in their home opener on Friday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m., followed by another away match up on Sunday, Sept. 26 at 4 p.m. against Lehigh

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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Lily Neilson '25
FIELD HOCKEY

PROFILE

HOMETOWN: NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

TRALIA

HIGH SCHOOL: THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Clara McCormick
Senior Writer

The Bison field hockey team has started their season strong with a 5-2 record thus far. Within these seven games, there have been 18 goals. 7 of these goals have been scored by first-year midfielder, Lily Neilson '25. She has scored in the contests against Long Island University, Villanova University and College of the Holy Cross.

The native of Armidale, New South Wales, Australia, has had significant playing time in all the contests thus far. She is a key player for the Bison, not only as a skilled midfielder but also as an exceptional penalty corner shooter. The rookie totals 18 shots on the season, and this past weekend in the 7-2 win

against league opponent the College of the Holy Cross she broke the school record for most goals scored in a game with five in the contest. The five goals also tied a 31-year-old Patriot League record for most goals scored in a contest. In the 4-2 win over Sacred Heart University the following day, Neilson also supplied an assist on Rachel Apa's '24 game-tying goal.

For having such a great weekend, Neilson was awarded as both the Patriot League Offensive Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week. Senior Erin Zielinski was also honored as Defensive Player of the Week.

"I thought Saturday's game was such a good display of how our short game and connections as a team has improved dramati-

cally. The supporting lines everyone ran this weekend really set us up for success," Neilson said.

The record-breaker and her team are headed to the city of Boston this weekend to play the 2020 Patriot League runner-up Boston University, as well as No. 14 Harvard University.

CAREER STATS

7 GAMES PLAYED
7 GOALS
1 ASSIST
11 SHOTS ON GOAL

Bison Men's Water Polo has a challenging weekend

Hannah Stuck
Contributing Writer

The Bison men's water polo had a rough start to the weekend with back-to-back losses to Fordham and Wagner on Saturday, Sept. 18. The Bison responded on Sunday, Sept. 19, picking up two significant victories over St. Francis (Brooklyn) and Salem. The Orange and Blue now sit at 5-7 on the season.

The Orange and the Blue lost to Fordham in their MAW-PC opening matchup 13-9. The Rams started out the match very strong, having a four-goal lead going into halftime.

Jack Lewis '22 led the Bison with three goals, while Andu Vlasceanu '23 contributed three assists in the match.

The Bison lost another match on Saturday at home against Wagner 14-11. The Seahawks started off the game strong, but then the Orange and Blue pulled within

two goals at around five minutes remaining in the match.

Two goals in the waning minutes of the match led the Seahawks to victory over the Bison. Josh Yardley '22 had a career-best match, leading the Orange and Blue with six goals. Matt Ryckman '25 also tallied two goals throughout the competition.

The Bison returned home to play Saint Francis, resulting in an intense game and concluding with a Bison win 12-11. This match came down to the very second, with Lewis scoring the game-winning goal right as the horn buzzed.

Lewis finished with three goals in the match, while teammates Doruk Ozar '24, Hasan Mogultay '25, and Yardley finished the match with a pair of goals.

Adrien Touzot '23 made seven saves to back

up the Orange and Blue win. The Orange and the Blue had a successful game against Salem, concluding their competition weekend with an 18-11 win. The Bison started off strong with a nine-goal first half, contributing to a season-high of 18 goals throughout the game. Ryckman and Ozar led the Bison with three goals each.

"I think it shows that we are the kind of team who won't stop fighting even when we are down and I think that's important going into the next part of the season as the games get harder," Liam Stott '24 said when asked about the Bison's resilience.

The Bison return home to play George Washington and Wagner on Sunday, Sept. 4, at Kinney Natatorium. The matches will start at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Bison Individuals compete hard at Binghamton Championship

Holly Burns
Sports Co-Editor

This weekend the Bison men's tennis team competed at the Star Group Binghamton Championship from Sept. 17-19. No Bison won a competition, but they all played hard and achieved individual success in their competitions.

On Friday, the competition kicked off with several Bison facing their competitors on the court. Nick Mueller '23 and Nicolas Grünig '25 won their singles matches to advance to the semifinals. Muller, who remained undefeated on the season, won both sets 7-6. Grünig emerged victorious with 6-2, 6-4 wins to advance to his

semifinal as well. Carlos Carvahlo '25 was up 4-3 in his match but suffered an injury and was forced to retire. Per Astrom '23 was the last Bison in action and unfortunately lost his match 6-0, 6-1.

In their semifinal matches on Saturday, Mueller and Grünig both engaged against tough opponents. Mueller raced out to a 3-0 lead before his opponent was forced to retire due to injury. Grünig played exceptionally well in his first set, winning 6-1. Unfortunately, his opponent bounced back and narrowly won the final two sets, 6-2 and 10-5, respectively.

On the final day of the competition, Mueller played Merrimack's Jan Semerak in the A Singles

championship match. Mueller suffered his first loss of the season, falling 4-6, 4-6, but still capped off a great individual tournament performance. Grünig competed in the third-place match in the D Singles against Colgate. Grünig played extremely well in a marathon match but ultimately ran out of steam, losing 11-9 in a third-set tiebreaker. This was an extremely impressive weekend for the freshman Grünig who will look to build on the performance.

The Bison's next opportunity to compete will be next weekend when they travel to Philadelphia for the Saint Joseph's Invitational. The tournament will last from Sept. 24-26.



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BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

US Open Unforgettable Moments

Emily Doyle
Senior Writer

The 141st U.S. Open this year was held on outdoor hard courts at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York City. The tournament began on Monday, August 30, and ended on Sunday, September 12. Many unforgettable events took place, and history was made in the 2021 U.S. Open.

Jenson Brooksby, a 20-year old Ameri-

can tennis player from Sacramento, started the year in the Top 300. Brooksby spent time focusing on his play and transitioned from the ATP Challenger Tour to the Pro Tour. Brooksby recorded the best Grand Slam result of his career to reach the fourth round. He defeated another American tennis player Taylor Fritz and stunned Australian Open semi-finalist No. 21

Aslan Karatsev in five sets. Brooksby bowed out in the fourth round to world No. 1 Novak Djokovic. Djokovic, 34 years old from Belgrade, Serbia, who was ranked No. 1 globally, lost to 25-year-old Daniil Medvedev. Medvedev told USOpen.org, "he was going for some huge history, and knowing that I managed to stop him, it definitely makes it sweeter." Medvedev, who is from Rus-

sia, took home the U.S. Open champion title in the men's singles category.

However, the most memorable moment from the U.S. Open was Emma Raducanu, the 18-year-old qualifier who took home the 2021 U.S. Open champion title for the women's singles category. She played fellow youngster 19-year-old Leylah Annie Fernandez again from Canada, who had eliminated world-

famous Naomi Osaka on her course to the finals. Raducanu, from the United Kingdom, never played a match at the U.S. Open until this year. Her results made headlines everywhere as she took home the title. Raducanu not only won the tournament on her debut, but she did so without dropping a set. She didn't lose more than five games in a set, and even then, it was only once in the tournament:

during the second round of qualifying. To earn the win, Raducanu defeated Olympic gold medalist Belinda Bencic and No. 17 seed Maria Sakkari before the final matchup against Leylah Fernandez.

Raducanu made history by becoming the first qualifier to win a Grand Slam in the Open Era. The 18-year-old is just beginning her career and has so much more to accomplish.

The Bison Fall to 0-3 after Tough Loss to Penn

Caleb Smith
Contributing Writer

The Orange and Blue lost to the University of Pennsylvania in their home opener last Saturday, Sept. 18. Penn exploded in the second and third quarters for four touchdowns and a field goal, with little offensive production at the beginning or end of the game.

The Bison offense got the ball to start the game, but couldn't capitalize and turned the ball over on downs. Penn took over with excellent field position, but the Bison defense stifled them inside the red zone, forcing them to settle for a field goal. The Orange and Blue bled the clock with a long, methodical drive, converting four third-

downs and two fourth-downs en route to a touchdown by running back Danny Meuser '24. Meuser had a great game on the ground, rushing for 90 yards and earning the Bison's only score.

This week, the Orange and Blue continued to figure out their quarterback situation, electing to use a quarterback by committee approach for the week. Nick Semptimphelter '24 and Tyler Beverett '24 shared time under center much more equally against Penn, with 13 and 12 passing attempts, respectively. Semptimphelter was able to do much more with the same attempts, with 87 yards to Beverett's 20.

"Though it wasn't

the outcome we wanted, there were a lot of really positive signs, especially from some of our younger guys gaining in-game experience. Every game is a learning experience for us and we need to put together a full 60 minutes of quality football to come out on top. This bye week is important for us right now and gives us extra time to prepare and get healthy for Cornell next Saturday," wide receiver Renn Lints '22 said.

The Orange and Blue have time to rest with a bye week coming up. The Bison will return rested and looking to take their first win Saturday, Oct. 2, at home against Cornell.



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Led by Artistic Director Sandra Laronde of the Teme-Augama Anishinaabe (People of the Deep Water), the group is approaching two decades of dance, theater, music and media.

While at the Weis Center, they will present the work, "Trace," which is inspired by Indigenous (Anishinaabe) sky and star stories, offering a glimpse into our origin as well as our future evolution.

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World Bank cancels annual report



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Opinions Co-Editor

The World Bank serves as a vital tool for measuring economic welfare worldwide. In conjunction with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank is responsible for publishing nearly all major economic and financial reports concerning the current and future state of the global economy. These reports provide valuable insight to both the public and governments alike and allow policymakers to make more favorable economic and financial decisions that determine the welfare of people everywhere. Recently the World Bank canceled one of its most important reports, the "Doing Business" report, over internal concerns about irregularities in their data, as well as the possibility of alterations made due to corruption. The "Doing Business" report ranks countries according to their favorability to conduct financial operations with, such as lending and trade. The report considers a country's tax burden, political and bureaucratic systems, and other nation-specific entities to determine how "likeable" they are in conducting international business.

According to the investigation, former World Bank Chief Executive Kristalina Georgieva and former World Bank Presi-

dent Jim Yong Kim are at the forefront of the blame, as they allowed for political pressure to influence their rankings and data collection, furthering the interests of already powerful nations. China was the leading country that had its rankings boosted, but upon further investigation, multiple nations received favorable ranking measures in the 2018 data collection and order.

In meetings with the World Bank, Chinese officials often leveraged their power as the third-largest shareholder in the World Bank as a means to have specific data points removed from the study. Unfavorable statistics from Shanghai and Beijing were removed. China agreed to increase its capital funding into the bank, creating a system where the rich become richer through their sphere of influence.

Corruption in any capacity is always concerning, but corruption concerning the financial institutions that control the economic future of the entire world is an issue that has no room for oversight. China's ability to influence the World Bank due to their existing influence is concerning, as it could push the world deeper into the situation in which the "Great Powers," but specifically the great economic powers such as the United States and China, dominate the global economy to the point where oth-

er countries are incapable of building themselves independently. The financial web woven by globalization has allowed existing powers to expand their influence further than ever before. Without proper regulation through bodies like the World Bank and the IMF, emerging markets will be a thing of the past.

The solution? International governing bodies created by and for emerging markets that remove themselves from the influence of the Global North and Great Powers. Transnational networks in South America, Africa, and Southeast Asia are continually trying to build strong economies. Still, they are consistently limited by their lack of economic influence regarding ownership of the world economy. What they lack in ownership of the total amount of money in the world, however, they can compensate for in diplomacy. By converting to political and economic systems that favor government-sponsored spending and central banking, countries will be able to build economies that provide for their citizens and also interact well in international markets, allowing small emerging economies to build off of their counterparts, creating a culture in which the power shifts from the existing economic powers to a more level playing field.

Met Gala: Fashion as an art form

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Staff Writer

Clothing presumably started as a way to protect the body from the elements, but in modern culture fashion is used as a form of both cultural and individual expression. The evolution of fashion trends over time has anthropological significance and can lend a hand in understanding historical and cultural contexts. The Met Gala tips its hat to this idea by deciding a costume theme for the grandiose event. The biggest public figures — from actors to athletes — dress up to match a certain time period or cultural setting. On September 13, the Met Gala dove into the theme of "American Independence." This Met Gala reminded me not only of what the event means for fashion, but also its significance in a world with stark political differences and COVID.

The fact that clothing has the ability to reinforce confidence and comfortability makes it so much more than just any other material item,

and I don't think fashion should be looked at as silly or unimportant. The fashion industry is ingrained in our world; both holding the largest portion of the global workforce and accounting for an impressive amount of pollution. Moreover, fashion has power and it gives voice. The Met Gala exists in a sense to keep fashion alive, at least at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Though the true purpose of the Met Gala is not as evident for those that do not attend. In fact, until I did some research I had never given a second thought to what happens inside the Met. While the red carpet steals the show and is where the viewers' night ends, it is only the beginning of the night for attendees. The true significance of the Met Gala is related to what happens within those Met doors. The New York Times explains that the purpose of the gala is to raise money for the Costume Institute of the Met, which funds itself because many question whether or not fashion is an art form. However,

the creativity and meaning that goes into the works of clothing that we saw on the red carpet beg to differ.

Fashion can be used to send a message. All you have to do is just look at this year's Met Gala attendees who took advantage of the media's focus on the red carpet to make important statements in ways that I have not seen in the past. One example is United States Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez dress, which read "Tax the rich." Carolyn Maloney wore a cape over her dress that read, "Equal Rights for Women." As it is used here, fashion is evidently a form of activism and the integrity of clothing as artwork should not be doubted. While I love the glitz and glamour of the Met Gala, a gala should not be the sole source of funding for the Costume Institute at the Met. Fashion can speak beyond words and beyond paint on a canvas. It is an art form we all can partake in whether or not Anna Wintour invites us to the red carpet or not, and its presence at the Met should not be conditional.



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Nicki Minaj role model for those against vaccine mandates

Peyton Dripps
Staff Writer

This week, far-right conservatives who are against the recent COVID vaccine mandates found a hero in the talented performer Nicki Minaj. She has recently posted on many social media platforms about her reluctance to get the COVID vaccine. The annual Met Gala, requiring that those invited and who plan on attending must be vaccinated, turned a few away from the event.

Many viewers wondered why Minaj was not at the event on September 13, "They want you to get vaccinated for the Met. If I get vaccinated it won't for the Met. It'll be once I feel I've done enough research. I'm working on that now. In the meantime my loves, be safe. Wear the mask with 2 strings that grips your head & face. Not that loose one," Minaj said on Twitter. Going into greater detail to support her response to the public's questions, Minaj shared that she wants to wait to get the vaccine due to a cousin refusing to get the vaccine in another country "cuz his friend got it & became impotent."

Many women in the United States have expressed their concerns about the vaccine and potential fertility issues that will come in the future. Although the CDC shares that these concerns are needless, it might be too early to make that assertion. Women across the country

have spoken out about their experience facing miscarriages a few weeks after receiving the vaccine, which has led many women to believe that it is in their best interest to wait some time to examine the long-term effects of the COVID vaccine—including Minaj.

After tweeting to her nearly 23 million followers on Twitter, Minaj faced backlash from her supporters, who believed that her statements about the vaccine were promoting dangerous misinformation. Following her tweet, Minaj claims to have been temporarily suspended from the platform, though Twitter officially denies this, for sharing her views and expressing her reasoning for missing out on the Met Gala to her fans.

Silencing Nicki Minaj on Twitter is both upsetting and disappointing. Minaj lashed out at people as she stated that her beliefs and thoughts are being suppressed "You can't just innocently ask a question about something going in your body?" Minaj said. Although many people criticize Minaj for her refusal to receive the COVID vaccine, she has gained thousands of followers in the past week that are applauding her confidence to speak out about a topic that is very controversial and typically avoided. Minaj and many other citizens believe that it is too early to receive a vaccine that was created in a necessary rush.

No one should be muzzled on a social media plat-

form for expressing their beliefs and thoughts on a controversial topic unless it is harming, bullying, offending, threatening or degrading others on the internet. Minaj shared that a friend experienced complications after receiving the COVID vaccine and people stated that this Tweet distributed misinformation. How can this be considered misinformation? The controversial and much-avoided topic of the COVID vaccine needs to be discussed civilly and effectively online. Silencing people on the internet is not a solution to an opposing perspective. With thousands of people banned on social media platforms for expressing their refusal to get the vaccine and stories of friends and families complications after receiving the shot, there is no awareness of the issues that could potentially surface in a few years. Being made and distributed in such a short amount of time, it should be acceptable for people to be hesitant to receive the vaccine if they have no health issues or a strong immune system.

Minaj's Tweets are not anti-vax. She simply explained why she did not attend the Met Gala and elaborated with her personal concerns about the COVID vaccine. Minaj is simply urging vaccine caution and stated that she would be happy to receive the vaccine as soon as she does enough research and understands what exactly will be permanently entering her body.

Civilian drone strikes show American hubris

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Senior Writer

We could not leave peacefully. Our departure, and the chaos surrounding it, was clearly not enough. It was as if we demanded the final word. On Aug. 29, a drone strike launched by the United States struck Afghanistan. It killed ten people in all, seven of which were children. While it intended to wipe out an ISIS-K member, this event instead marks yet another American misstep in a long and devastating relationship in the Middle East.

The American military response to the drone strike has been quite contradictory. Since the attack, top officials have insisted that it was a legitimate operation resulting in the death of an ISIS-K member. However, their attitudes shifted when more information was revealed, and a tragic story came to light. The targeted ISIS-K member who was driving a suspicious van filled with presumed bombs was, in fact, a man who worked for an American humanitarian organization bringing water for his clients. Zemari Ahmadi was mistakenly targeted and then murdered. The U.S. military reaffirmed that it was a "tragic mistake" and that the strike was conducted following "reasonable certainty."

But how long would the American government have kept this tragedy a secret had there not been a media stir? Would they have just simply swept this

attack under the rug?

On Tuesday, the Pentagon announced an investigation into the drone strike and the circumstances surrounding it, its final report set to be completed by Nov. 5. In the coming weeks and months, the public will gradually learn more about this story and garner a more solid understanding of how such a common military occurrence could have gone so horribly wrong. Drone strikes are indeed a common occurrence and are often used as a military tactic by the United States to conduct violent foreign affairs. Since 2015 there have been an estimated 300 to 909 civilians killed in Afghanistan alone by American drone strikes, according to the Bureau of Investigative Journalism. More than 13,000 drone strikes were conducted, and between 66 to 184 children were murdered as a result. The disastrous drone strike in August was not the first to put innocents in harm's way. U.S. President Joe Biden's pursuit of an "over-the-horizon" approach allows the U.S. to conduct operations without a military presence in a foreign country to combat ISIS-K. This does not show signs of drone attacks stopping. Drone strikes are already a problematic method of combat to manage as they are only ever as effective as the intelligence provided; therefore, when a military presence disappears from a region and is unable to provide intelligence, there will be little success without innocent casualties.

So what might we gain from conducting the investigation? We may find a particular decision responsible for such a disastrous fallout, and we may be able to identify a military official whom we can hold accountable. It is a necessary action to take, but it is ultimately rudimentary and fails to acknowledge the larger problem. This botched operation can not be taken on its own but rather as part of an image that demonstrates the extreme nationalist attitudes of the United States. Moreover, when a country officially declares an end to war, they may continue to bomb neighborhoods and kill innocents in the name of preserving western ideals. The civilians caught in the crossfire will simply be tragedies, but ones that will hardly impede America's efforts.

There will be no end to the United States' involvement in the Middle East, especially Afghanistan, despite the efforts made to flee it. It will not be enough to condemn the military's hasty actions for launching a strike with weak evidence and a potentially catastrophic fallout. The soldiers may be out of the country, but the United States is still very much a looming presence. What are citizens meant to make of this never-ending hovering? What can innocent people possibly do about the drones that fly over their heads, ready to end their lives before they can even look up?

Rural PA would rather do anything than "mask up"

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The University is falling to pieces as the "plague" wreaks havoc on everyone's immune systems, but our campus is well-protected compared to the surrounding rural Pennsylvania towns. Selinsgrove and Mifflinburg are both battling something worse than mucus — incredibly infuriated parents.

Selinsgrove is located roughly 14 miles away from Lewisburg, but their school board meeting on Aug. 16 displayed a starkly different environment. The agenda was rather simple and straightforward: "choose to allow optional masking throughout the district campuses or mandate all

students, faculty and visitors to wear them." The meeting drew 25+ speakers out of the woodwork who were all passionate about the board vote, especially because the board is filled by volunteers. A few speakers took extreme stances, such as correlating the increase in district suicide rates to isolation caused by masking. Meanwhile, David Richard, a biologist and COVID-19 response coordinator at Selinsgrove's own Susquehanna University, pled the severity of the delta strain to the intense crowd. His remarks were met with interruptions and boos. At the end of the battle, the Selinsgrove board voted to enact a mask-optional policy 7-2. More recently, on Sept. 14, the Mifflinburg Area School Board faced a similar fate.

However, the planned evening meeting proved so rambunctious that the board could not even meet in person. Mifflinburg Area School District explained that a "threat" caused the board directors to suddenly shift online minutes before the meeting was meant to begin. While there were few details provided about the threat, the superintendent elaborated that the "cumulative" threats were the concern. While the meeting may have been moved, the parents were not. Approximately 70 community members continued with an in-person meeting, holding an estimated 90-minute town hall session of their own. The meeting was essentially an airing of grievances opened with the Pledge of Allegiance—naturally.

Many Mifflinburg attendees viewed the move online as a means of "censorship" rather than a real threat. "Censorship," however, might be far too of an extreme for the nature of a school board meeting. In fact, Mifflinburg Area School District avoided a unproductive disaster, like Selinsgrove's meeting, by proactively responding to the threats. Besides, the Mifflinburg board did eventually rule to make masks optional, so the rally cry of "censorship" and Facebook whining that the community is not "being heard" quickly became obsolete. However, in either scenario—both Mifflinburg and Selinsgrove—the eruption of anger and lack of decency is appalling. Is there a way to stimulate

more productive conversation about COVID-19 in these impactful, important settings? Yes, and it is the exact reason parents there went to the meetings in the first place: education.

But the uproar is not unexpected, mostly due to the high amount of misinformation in this area. Rural Pennsylvania's median income and college education levels fall below other areas of the state, and as a result, recent conspiracy theories have run amok through community forums and Facebook groups. Several studies have correlated those factors (income and education) with increased masking practices. Also, rural areas affected by such misinformation, like much of the Midwest and South right now, have been

affected by some of the worst hospital loads of the pandemic, likely due to the delta variant. The effects of misinformation across the country could be mirrored here in Pennsylvania. Therefore, providing resources for education about COVID-19 would dispel the worryingly increasing incorrect assertions like community members supposedly linking masking to rising suicides in Selinsgrove.

The school boards should institute an informative portion to their meetings to lessen the absurdity of outbreaks. By giving someone like Prof. David Richard a proper stage to speak, members of the community have an opportunity to truly grasp the reality of the situation before aimlessly airing grievances.

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Anna DeNelsky '22 and
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Vocalizing About On-Campus Vocal Groups

A cappella is a style of vocal performance in which instrumental accompaniment is simulated through delegated vocal parts. The term a cappella means in the chapel in Italian, displaying the singing style's religious roots. Today, a cappella music is decidedly more secular; the style slowly began to make its debut into pop music through releases such as "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" in 1961 by the Tokens, as well as Billy Joel's "For the Longest Time" in 1983, both of which feature a cappella performances. Today the style is a popular music genre, with groups such as Pentatonix performing purely vocally with little to no instrumentals. A cappella music groups have also become extremely popular on college campuses. One of the earliest collegiate a cappella groups was established in 1909, with the introduction of the Yale Whiffenpoofs. To this day the Whiffenpoofs are still performing, making them the longest continuously existing a cappella group in the country. Although many groups still adhere to the more traditional style of a cappella, a new trend within the genre involves using singer's voices to imitate rock and electronic instruments. Singers will beatbox or perform other vocal exercises in an attempt to imitate percussion instruments.

A cappella was introduced to the University in 1895 with the establishment of Two Past Midnight. Since then, it has only grown in popularity on campus. Currently, there are four different groups for which students can audition. Each group performs at the Christy's A Cappella concert—a "Fall fixture" on campus, taking place every Family Weekend in the Fall semester. This past Saturday Sept. 18, at 2:15 p.m., all four of the campus's a cappella groups performed on the Weis Center stage. Each a cappella group has its own unique sound and identity, ultimately offering a different listening experience to their audiences.

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The Silhouettes

The Silhouettes are the University's only all-female a cappella group, home to 11 dedicated singers. The group typically has three concerts, including the yearly Christy's A Cappella, which took place last week. In the past, their winter concert has taken place at the Civil War Cider bar on Market Street, while a spring concert has historically been held in Bucknell Hall. President of the group Caroline Schuermann '22 explains how being in the "Sils" has shaped her college experience: "The Sils [have] been my home base and one constant for all of college. As I start off my senior year at [the University], I couldn't have been luckier to be able to make music with my favorite ladies and biggest support system. Not only is Sils a wonderful community of women [...] who share the goal of making music with one another, it is also an incredibly supportive and authentic group of girls who care deeply about one another." Nina Sigety '23, a member since her first semester at the University, shares a similar sentiment: "I love the Sils because it gave me a community that I felt instantly included in my first year at [the University]. These women are all incredibly talented, and it's really awesome to come together as a group who likes to sing in their free time, but also just a group of girls that love to hang out with each other outside of music," Sigety said. The Sils often draw from a broad repertoire of genres, while tending to gravitate towards pop and classic rock. For more info on the Sils, visit their website: www.bucknellsilhouettes.weebly.com or follow their Instagram @bucknell_sils.

The Offbeats

Founded in 2011, the Offbeats are one of the three co-ed groups on campus, and are always growing; this semester they welcomed five new members to the organization. Sophie Granbois '22, who joined the Offbeats her sophomore year in the fall, said "A cappella has been such a fun way to meet and sing with other [University] students! Practicing and performing are always highlights of my semester since I love to sing." President Emma Stone '22 is similarly excited to be performing in person, after a pandemic-induced hiatus forced the group off stage for over a year. "It's the connections that we make with each other while being together and having fun with music that makes The Offbeats so special," Stone continued. "So I'm feeling very grateful we have the ability to be functioning in person for my senior year. We are working on some really cool music for this semester and had five amazingly talented new beats join us, so I'm excited to see what's in store!" More information about The Offbeats can be found on their social media @bucknelloffbeats, and can be contacted via email at theoffbeats.bucknell@gmail.com.

Two Past Midnight

Founded in 1995, Two Past Midnight is the University's oldest a cappella group. The Two Past midnight group crosses various music genres, ranging from indies to oldies to modern pop. The group describes itself in its bio as "an incredibly tight-knit family, both current members and alumni, all very different and with widely diverging musical tastes, something we've tried to reflect in our selection of music." Two Past midnight can be contacted at twopastbucknell@gmail.com or found on social media @teamtwpast.

Beyond Unison

Beyond Unison, founded in 2004 currently claims 17 members. The group's musical director Tom McKillop '22 spoke about his experience: "[It] sounds cheesy, but [Beyond Unison] has been a family for me on campus since my first week at Bucknell. Just like all families, we fight, but at the end of the day we love each other and share a special bond though making music. Being Music Director has taught me so much about myself as a person and a leader. I am really excited to take what I have learned with me for the rest of my life! We are so excited to sing with the other groups this weekend at Christy's. It is long overdue!" The group's repertoire includes songs from artists such as Radiohead, The Mowglis, Rihanna, Mumford and Sons and the OH Hellos. In addition to performances, the group also works on a cappella recording and production. More information on Beyond Unison can be found on their social media @beyondunison. The group can be contacted directly at beyondunison@gmail.com.

All of the University's a cappella groups typically hold auditions at the beginning of each semester, sharing more information about the process as audition dates approach. Joining an a cappella group is a great way to get involved on campus, while finding a community of students who share a similar passion for the art of a cappella singing.

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ISOLATING INSIDE OR GOING
OUTDOORS?

Dora Kreitzer
Contributing Writer

Despite University efforts to increase campus diversity, Admissions Department data reveals that the racial demographics of the incoming class of 2020 are almost exactly the same as those of the incoming class back in 2016.

In 2014, when only 22 percent of the undergraduate student body identified as a minority, the school named improving undergraduate diversity as one of its many

goals in the 2014-2019 Diversity Plan. The strategies outlined included developing outreach plans to build pipelines to students of color and broaden the applicant pool, reviewing assessment related to the success of underrepresented student groups on campus and enhancing existing programs aimed at retention, support and success for students that have been historically marginalized.

However, the more recent data reveals that the University's demographics have not

significantly changed.

The Bucknellian has reached out to the President's Diversity Council to hear their perspective on their challenges and future goals; but has yet to hear back from the body at time of publication.

Recently, in the University's Plan for 2025, the school noted that they had "fallen short of meeting [their] goals and aspirations" from the last plans with regard to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) not only with regard to admissions but even once students

are enrolled.

Last November, the University joined the Liberal Arts Colleges Racial Equity Leadership Alliance. This launched DEI councils in each of the three colleges and seven departments, and established an anti-racism fund. The university's goal was to have created and began implementing the next updated Diversity Plan by Spring 2020, but at present no new plan has been released.

While data for this year

will be released in a few weeks, the first-year class has been 71-77 percent white, from 2016 to 2020. While students of color made up only 13-19 percent of each year's incoming class, non-white students made up 44 percent of total undergraduate student enrollment in degree-granting institutions across the country in 2016, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

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University releases statement on mold contamination

Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

Following multiple reports of mold contamination in various dorms across campus, the University has issued a statement about the claims.

"Mold has been identified in Vedder Hall, Hunt Hall and Swartz Hall, and one apartment on West campus. The University has had the air tested by third party certified industrial hygienists and several areas have indicated elevated mold counts but the mold is of the common non-toxic variety," Mike Ferlazzo, director of media relations & communications, said.

Ferlazzo added that there is no evidence of "toxic" mold in the dorms.

"Bucknell Student Health has not diagnosed student illnesses directly related to mold," Ferlazzo said.

The University facilities team, along with third party service technicians, have been put in charge of inspecting and cleaning HVAC units and individual student rooms affected by mold, according to the release.

"The University has also placed HEPA air scrubbers and instituted HEPA vacuuming of hallways in those spaces. Custodians and contracted service technicians are wiping down surfaces of furniture in all student rooms," Ferlazzo said.

Each apartment in West Campus, also known as the Mods, was inspected for mold. On September 14, University Housing Services sent an email to notify residents of the cleanings.

Kate Amaddio '23 lived with her roommates in the Mods. That was until Housing Services told her that they needed to relocate as soon as possible.

"We found out that the other half of our mod had reported mold before getting any notification from the school. We never received any confirmation from facilities or housing that our half of the mod had mold or that we had to move out until we took the initiative to go talk to housing. When my roommates went to the housing office, they were told that we would have to move all of our belongings within the next two days. There was no official email telling us this until after we went to housing," Amaddio said.

Amaddio said that the housing options given to them were not ideal, so she and her roommates looked for any off-campus options. While there was initial confusion on how the students should proceed, she said facilities was very accommodating and helped them situate into their new living space once they found their own housing.

Once the students moved into their new residence, Amaddio said she and her roommates had all become sick. She said she isn't sure whether the mold contributed to their illness.

"We are not sure how long the repairs will take, but the initial estimate was four weeks. We will likely move back sometime in the middle of October if the construction goes to plan," Amaddio said.

The Bucknellian has been following this story since Vedder residents were first notified of the mold.

Management school hosts Beyond Bucknell speaker series

Riley DeBaecke
Contributing Writer

Last Wednesday, organizers of the Beyond Bucknell speaker series brought in presenters Jenna Lochiatto '17 and Zach Crowley '16 to speak with students interested in communications, finance, marketing and management careers.

Lochiatto and Crowley traveled to campus to answer questions from curious, motivated students who seek the narrative of personal experience in the business world from seasoned professionals. Attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch from University dining services to begin the session. Once everyone settled in, the two alums introduced themselves and provided students with their commendable educational and professional backgrounds, which prompted no shortage of questions in the hour that followed.

Lochiatto graduated from University with a de-

gree in Markets, Innovation, and Design (MIDE), a college major many of her older colleagues envy, for MIDE is a relatively new concept in higher management education. She worked for United Airlines and Digitas before landing a position at Google, where she has worked her way up the ranks to serve as an account manager for travel in their New York office.

Crowley graduated in the class ahead of Lochiatto with a degree in Accounting and Financial Management. He transitioned from Goldman Sachs to Capital Dynamics (New York) to work as a private credit associate.

Lochiatto and Crowley both voiced their support for the integrated experience of a management education within the liberal arts, with Lochiatto citing a women's and gender studies class as her favorite course at the University.

Crowley agreed, telling

attendees that his liberal arts education exposed him to different perspectives that are helpful to understand when interacting with people of varying racial, social and economic backgrounds in the workplace.

Kate Normandin '23 holds an appreciation for these professionals' insight during a stressful period of job applications and grueling schoolwork.

"It was wonderful to hear the perspective of alumni from five years out of [The University]. They had great insights into making the most of our time here and offered strategies to help plan out early career decisions," Normandin '23 said.

The Freeman College of Management looks forward to bringing several additional alumni and business-people to campus this semester to engage with students in the Beyond Bucknell speaker series.

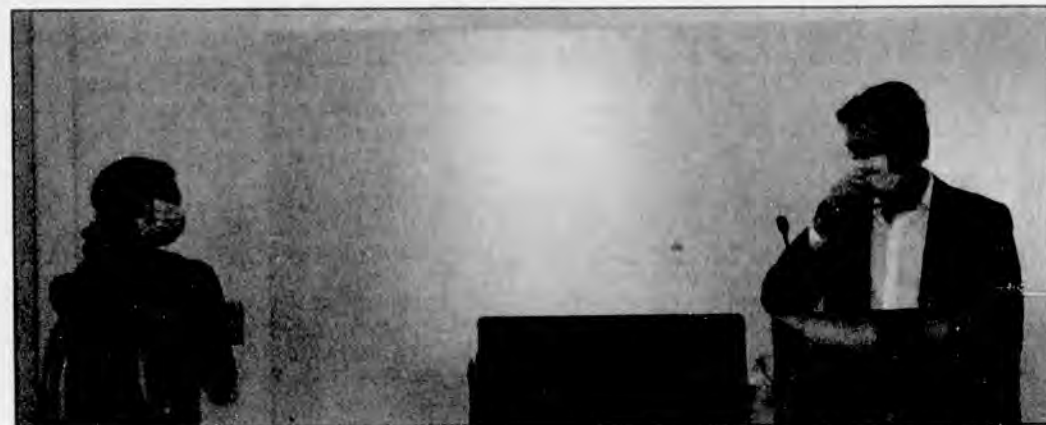


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BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.

Brief by Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

INTERNATIONAL

This summer, the European Commission announced a ban on caging particular animals by the year 2027. The ban included hens used for egg-laying, female pigs used for breeding, calves used for veal, and all rabbits, ducks and geese. Many experts are considering this action the most ambitious animal welfare reform within the past decade.

North Korea claimed it successfully fired a 'hyper-sonic missile' called Hwasong-8, as reported by BBC News. State media touted the new weapon as one of the top weapons systems planned for its five-year military development plan. It is not confirmed yet, but it is assumed by most experts that the weapon has nuclear capabilities.

DOMESTIC

NBC News reported that United Airlines fired nearly 600 employees that refused to comply with their vaccination policies. Employees can keep their jobs if they get vaccinated before the effective date of their termination. Any new hires for United Airlines will now be required to get vaccinated.

President Obama's new Presidential Center has begun construction in Chicago after being delayed by legal challenges and federal review, according to the New York Times. In contention with other typical projects for other presidents Obama's center will most likely host concerts, events, lectures, training and summits, instead of being a library.

UNIVERSITY DIVERSITY RATES REMAIN STAGNANT

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that could be done, but this first requires that the University diverges from its past and current shallow commitment to diversity and inclusion and makes comprehensive, systemic changes to support students of color," on-campus advocate Ninah Jackson '25 said.

Jackson listed strengthening the Critical Black Studies Department, giving students of color more institutional representation and making more of an effort to break the "Bucknell Bubble" on a larger and more publicized scale.

While the University has been working on increasing

form "illuminating Blackness at [the University]."

She also mentioned being able to find networks of other students of color through affinity based organizations, programs like Multicultural Student Services and her scholarship cohort Posse DC 17.

Jackson said, "was this an active effort on my part? In part, yes. As a first year student, I wanted to kick off my first semester at [the University] with a strong social circle of students who'd be navigating [the University] in a manner similar to me."



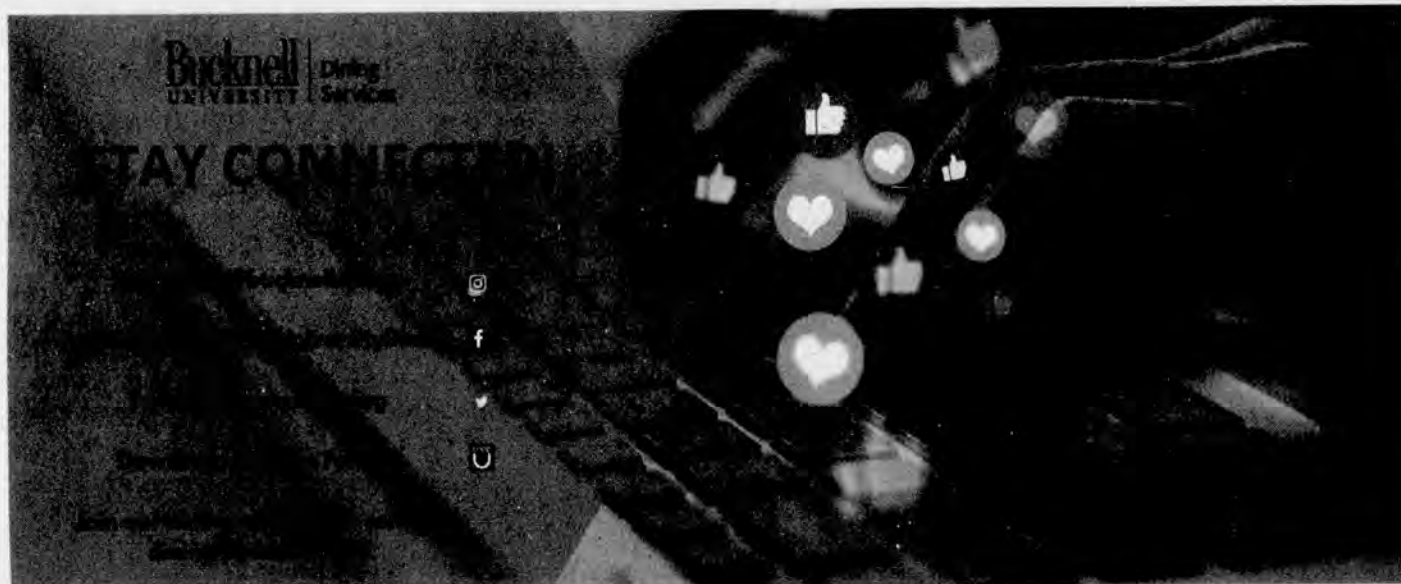
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Public Safety Crime and Fire Safety Summary

Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

Public Safety issues a daily log of each reported crime or safety breach across the University. Here is a summarization of the information made public from the beginning of each week.

Early on Sunday there were two liquor law violations to kickoff this week. One occurred in Harris, and resulted in a student conduct referral. The other happened in the notorious Vedder Hall.

Students didn't slow down on Sunday either, with two separate thefts being reported. One

was in Roberts Hall and the other on St. George Street. The Roberts theft occurred at roughly 9 p.m., while the St. George Street happened between 1 and 11 a.m.

Monday blues couldn't stop one student from a drug law violation in Swartz Hall at approximately 10 p.m. This case resulted in a student conduct referral.

Tuesday saw another drug law violation, this time at 7th Street House at roughly 11 p.m.

Also, a harassment report was filed that same day in the Gateway Lot at approximately 6 p.m.

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A local farm-to-table restaurant: the story of Elizabeth's American Bistro

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Contributing Writer

Elizabeth's American Bistro has been serving food to the Lewisburg Community for roughly 22 years.

Founder Elizabeth Long-Furia spoke to the Bucknellian about what brought her to Lewisburg, opening the restaurant, farm to table eating and how the pandemic has forced her to make changes toward success.

Long-Furia — or "Liz," as she insisted — grew up in New Jersey, where she developed a passion for the arts and a love for the theatre of the restaurant business.

"There was a big revolution in food in the '70s — it was the birth of farm to table. When my husband and I came to Lewisburg for his work, we thought it was a nice town to open up a small cafe-restaurant in," Long-Furia said.

While "Liz" couldn't choose just one favorite dish on the menu, but she said that the summer salm-

on with shrimp remoulade, or the pulled pork tacos are standout dishes.

"Our chef did a really nice job with those," she added.

Long-Furia had a lot to say about the farm to table aspect of the restaurant. "It comes natural to the restaurant. We are surrounded by so many small farms and young people that are opening up different kinds of businesses that lend themselves to just dairy farming, or even wineries throughout the area."

Many downtown businesses rely on the business of University students. However, because of the pandemic and lack of students on campus throughout last year, there was a negative impact on the business.

"We've made a lot of changes and went right into takeout. But it was really wonderful how the community rallied around it," she remarked. "We started doing things like bistro boxes and even got a special liquor license to sell drinks, to go."

So what's the secret to

running a successful business during a pandemic with the hustle and bustle of a college town?

"Listening to your customers and going with the flow are so important. We have had to make so many changes in the last year, but I tried to keep a positive mindset and stayed happy. You're going to make mistakes and you have to roll with it. That's one thing I've learned about business, it's all about being open to change. Sometimes you have to make the hard decisions," Long-Furia said.

"We really appreciate [The University]. We know the kids have gone through a lot, we appreciate them coming in from all over the place, it keeps us fresh."

This whole pandemic has brought a lot of change, but one thing it has done is brought the whole neighborhood together.

Elizabeth's American Bistro is located at 412 Market St. Lewisburg, PA 17837. Its hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and 4-8 p.m.

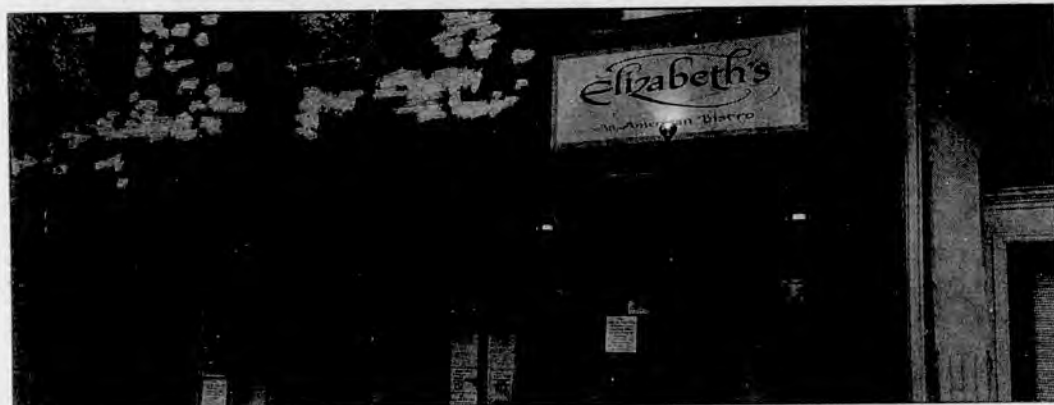


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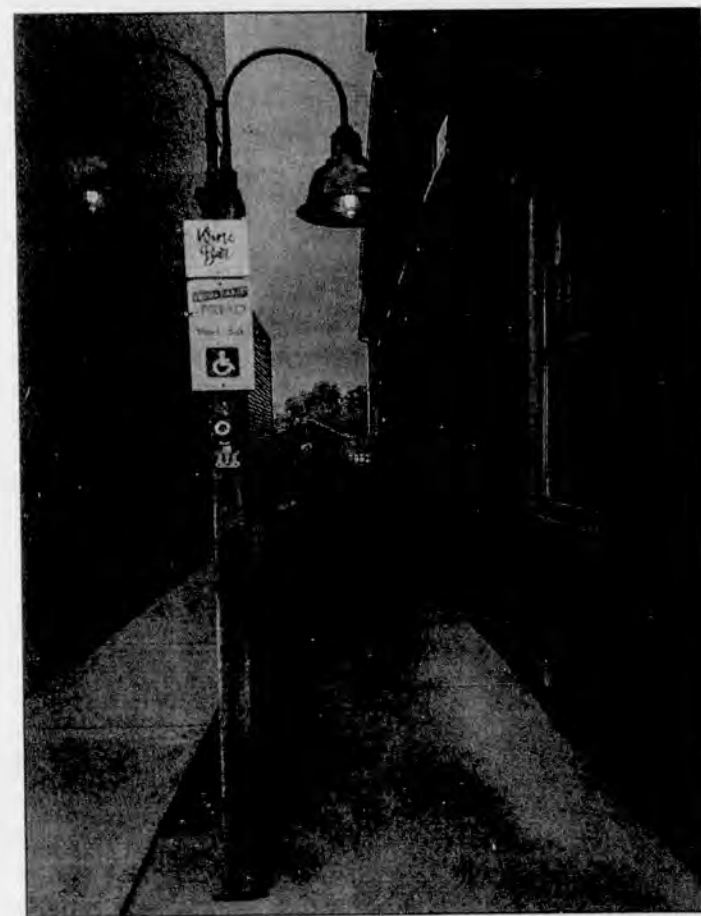


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Shaq travels to "Ivy League" mosh pit for Fall Fest

Juliette Gaggini
News Co-Editor

On Friday, Sept. 24, the University held its annual Fall Fest from 5-10 p.m. on the Sojka Lawn. There were a number of fun activities including games, carnival rides, student performers and plenty of food for students to enjoy, as well as a special appearance from DJ Diesel, who was previously known as Shaquille O'Neal. The event was hosted by the Campus Activities & Programs Center (CAP Center) and Core.

It was a beautiful evening that allowed all the outdoor events to run smoothly. Students enjoyed rides such as a Ferris wheel, a big slide, tornado, Gravitron, Round-Up, an American Ninja Warrior inflatable course and a mechanical bull, among other things.

Along with the rides, students enjoyed a lot of fun food including corn dogs, fried pickles, spring rolls, and buffalo chicken dip. Ryan Hill '24 was passionate about the food selection. "I thought it was cool that

they had a bunch of different types of food there. About every half hour they opened up a different kind of food, like they had fried-Oreos and nacho tots," Hill said.

Before DJ Diesel, a number of student bands performed. "I saw a couple of my friends perform beforehand which was great," Hill said.

Though there were many awesome activities and performances at the Fall Fest, many students were most excited about DJ Diesel. Standing at 7'1", Shaq is a four time NBA Championship winner and Olympic gold medalist. Even during his time as an NBA athlete, Shaq was already DJing and he has now been making music for nearly 30 years.

"Shaq was really cool to see. He was really interactive with the crowd and had a lot of audience participation and even had some people come up on stage," Hill said.

Caroline Lopez '24 enjoyed the activities at Fall Fest and had a particularly fun experience meeting Shaq at the event. "Fall Fest was definitely a pleasant surprise.

The activities, food, and student performers were great! However, meeting Shaq was the highlight of my night. He is undoubtedly a kind and funny people-person just living his best life as DJ Diesel," Lopez said.

Not only did Shaq hype the crowd up, he also dubbed the University an "Ivy League." Though the school is not actually an Ivy, his energy spread to the crowd and left students with positive feelings about the concert.

The Bucknellian reached out to Shaq for a quote about his experience at the University, but has yet to hear back as of this publication.

After the Fall Fest events on Sojka Lawn, there was an afterparty at Uptown from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. This event was hosted by Uptown and the CAP Center.

Last year, the annual Fall Fest did not happen because of the COVID pandemic. This made this year's events even more special to members of the community, both for those who had the opportunity to go to previous Fall Fests on campus as well as people who have never been.

Two years ago, artist Jay Sean performed at the Fall Fest. Allison Bergeron '22 remembers the event fondly. "Jay Sean was a fun concert but a one hit wonder celebrity, we all just wanted to hear his song, 'Down'. After two years, his concert is still a fond memory but at the time was hilarious. I remember him having to justify his music by saying 'don't worry guys these songs are popular in England,'" Bergeron said.

Some students felt passionately about DJ Diesel's performance compared to the previous Fall Fest performance by Jay Sean. "I would say that Shaq, sorry I mean DJ Diesel, was a much better concert overall than Jay Sean was. The University has stepped up the game when it comes to actually getting decent performers. I'm excited to see who they invite to campus next year!" Mark 'Fink' Mitchell '22 said.

Students are already excited to hear who next year's performing artist will be and are enthusiastic after such a great weekend of fun activities with friends.



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When your family comes to visit

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There are many students whose families did not, for whatever reason, attend parents weekend. This year, I was one of those students. It's not like my parents are trying to abandon me or are on the verge of disowning me or anything like that, I just don't think that going to super and shotgunning a beer with my parents surrounded by hundreds of drunk college students while my three younger siblings are standing right next to us is the vibe. My middle school-age brother does not need to see my mother do a keg stand. My family instead opted to visit this past weekend, but that left us with one problem: there isn't much to do in Lewisburg. I always feel bad when my family drives multiple hours to see me and after saying hello and having regular catch-up conversation about how school is hard and my health is in shambles, I inform them that I have essentially nothing planned for them to do here for the next 24 hours. So, I decided to come up with a couple ideas.

Go to a game! I don't know about you, but nothing gets me and my family hype like seeing my team add to their 0-12 losing streak. There really isn't even any team I'm subtweeting here, it's a valid generalization that can be made across the board. I think most people know when they come to this school for athletics, they're probably not going pro... or at least I hope they know.

Another fun thing to do with your family is show them your classrooms! My little brother absolutely loves walking up and down hills into a

bunch of random buildings with rooms full of chairs and tables that all look exactly the same. He looks at me as if to say, "I can't believe Mom and Dad made me sit in the car for three hours for THIS." But, what he doesn't understand is that, unfortunately, my options when it comes to entertaining my family with ages ranging from 13 to 45 while in a small town in the middle of nowhere are extremely limited. He's tired. I'm tired. Everyone is hungry. Needless to say we ended up napping on chairs on the quad for an hour patiently waiting for our dinner reservation. After dinner with your family, it's not atypical for your ability to lead a double life as a college student and your parents' child to wear off. You and your parents know that as soon as you get back to your dorm that evening, you will be returning to your delinquent ways. This of course continues through the night and into the morning as you walk across campus in your going-out clothes that you fell asleep in on some random couch.

The following morning, my parents wanted to meet up at 8:00, but I knew that was out of the question so we compromised with 9:00 instead. We went to breakfast at the same place we went to the morning before, as well as the last time they visited and the time before that. What can we say? We're loyal customers.

While entertaining your family in Lewisburg can pose as a bit of a challenge, it's always good to see them and have one solid day of wholesome activity. I mean, considering our typical college student behavior on weekends, we all know we need it.

Why is everybody coughing?

Maximus Bean
Senior Writer

A recent statistic revealed that over the past weekend, coughing rose by 420% around campus. What does this mean? Allergy season, of course. But there are always worrywarts afoot who think every time I cough (hey, everybody sputters when they drink water sometimes), I might have COVID and must therefore be avoided. However, there are other excuses to be made for such disrespect for the University's "No COVID Symptoms" policy.

We all know smoking is a thing. While I cannot say in this paper that smoking makes you look cool, it is a reason stated by many young men and women who do smoke (or as the cool kids say, "vape" because it's pretty much the same thing). Smoking is essentially breathing in dangerous stuff into your lungs, but nobody knew that in the '40s and '50s. In fact, science considered smoking healthy back then, that's why every "cool guy" in black-and-white movies smoked. Then many of the actors ended up dying of lung cancer. However, the point I want to make is that smoking, and vaping by extension, causes coughing in the long term. Many kids vape here on campus. You know who you are, with all the juuls and pods and such. We went from just using a match to light our cigars to using electricity to charge up our e-cigs. The power of technology, ladies and gentlemen. I digress.

Since I doubt many of the students are suffering from the long term hacking and coughing that comes with smoking, then it must be something else. "COVID!" I hear someone in the back say. In a way they're

right. The common cold is a form of a coronavirus, minus the pandemic part of it. I could have a cold without the need to alienate myself from my friends and family. It's a common part of the winter experience. Sometimes I would get sick and my folks still sent me to school. Only catch was that everyone else who got sent to school had the same flu, too. For the rest of us at University, is it COVID that's causing this cough? According to my editors, it can't be. That's because if it were, we would all be in isolation housing by now; the people who are coughing would be sent first, then the rest of us would be contact-traced by default! Onwards with the lockdowns, people!

The only plausible explanation here would be the most unlikely one: drugs. No, I'm not talking about cigarettes again. I'm talking about the dust you dip into with a pixie stick. For the record (and for the sake of my editors), let me assure you that I am NOT endorsing any of this. It's abhorrent, evil and to be avoided at all costs, like negative criticism. HOWEVER, it COULD be the cause of consistent coughing on campus, though maybe not completely. Do I have proof of this? Not in the slightest. However, the great Sherlock Holmes once said something to the effect of, "once you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, no matter how improbable, must be the truth." I rest my case, ladies and gentlemen. It's impossible to be COVID, or smoking, or vaping, or even possibly the common cold (though maybe that could be it) so therefore it MUST be illicit drug use. The good news is that the coughing will conveniently subside once we get into second semester. We'll be back just in time for allergy season!

"I got legally adopted by my big for the tax benefits," says Gamma Apple Pie sophomore



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Nick DeMarchis
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With frequent trips to Bull Run and other reputable "dining establishments" draining student wallets, some Greek students have found a creative way to save a few extra bucks.

Big and Little reveals are always a huge milestone for those who just pledged their sorority, but Gamma Apple Pie has taken the whole "sisterhood" thing to another level. By elevating Bigs and Littles the whole concept of "sisterhood" turns into a mother-daughter relationship.

Gamma Apple Pie has sponsored the program as a way to help pad the wallets of their sorority members, while also ensuring that students don't have to resort to finding out why the squirrels are so thin.

"I actually like the plan," sophomore daughter Emily Emlyson added. "The University's \$74,676 Total Comprehensive Cost compounded with sorority dues has been just too much to bear. Now, with this fun and vaguely-legal adoption, I can continue supporting my favorite Lewisburg small businesses, like the Beer Barn and..." she said, trailing off.

Pennsylvania and federal laws are vague on the legality of such a maneuver. While University tour guides continue to cite the "brothel law" as the reason that sororities can't have their own houses, the actual laws around big-little adoption are just as clear: meaning they don't exist.

Asking the IRS for comment, a representative said "While a creative approach, any violators of the

law will be prosecuted to the fullest extent possible. Both mommies and their daughters must pay all appropriate taxes."

The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue responded similarly, saying "It's like that Little Caesar's commercial, where the dad says, 'Nothing is certain in life but death and the \$5 HOT-N-READY pizza from Little Caesars,' and the kid says 'What about taxes?' and then the IRS shows up. Kind of like that."

Union County just responded to our email with the word, "NO," so we assume last week's Opinions article about masking in local school districts ruffled their feathers a little bit.

The sorority's University president, Allie Pallie '22, defended the

new move in a rambling rant on her Snapchat story. "If you really love your sisters, then they should be like moms to you! Literally your mom! We take this seriously, so your sister is going to be your mom! I love my mom but I also love a good sorority mom!" Pallie said.

Pallie frequently also reposts conservative dog-whistle content on her story, about "backing the blue" and the need for "law and order," in addition to advertising her sorority sisters exploiting loopholes in the law to avoid additional taxes.

At this time, no lawmakers have expressed interest in preventing bigs from legally adopting their littles, so our weird University family will just be a little weirder from now on.

Breaking: DJ Diesel actually Shaq impersonator

Liz Whitmer
Satire Co-Editor

Hordes of students ecstatically flocked to see DJ Diesel spin some tunes last Friday evening, and many report being thrilled with the quality of the event. Unfortunately, based upon a PSA sent out by the University, DJ Diesel was discovered to be a Shaquille O'Neal impersonator.

After further inspection following the admittedly riveting performance, Mr. Diesel was discovered to be a 5-foot-10, 45-year-old man who was most definitely not the four-time NBA champion Shaquille O'Neal. The University conceded they only talked to Mr. Diesel via Zoom prior to the event during which he had his camera off for the entirety of the meeting, but University administrators claimed they got "tall person energy" from him, so they thought it was fine.

One student, Hope Less '23, had an extremely emotional experience meeting DJ Diesel. "Shaq is my biggest role model," Less tearfully told reporters at the event. "I used to watch his old basketball highlights when I was a kid to remind me that anything is possible if you work hard. Meeting him changed my life." Sorry to burst your bubble, Hope! It's at least nice to know that an artist from an unaccredited music school can have such a big impact on someone's life, though.

Now there's a new role model for you.

While some students bought into the scam, others were less convinced about the legitimacy of Mr. Diesel's identity from the beginning. "I mean, yeah," Connie Ceited '22 gauffed. "I thought we all knew this was a joke. Why would Shaq come to the middle of nowhere to be a disc jockey?" Fair point, Connie.

The Real Shaq™ is pretty mad about the whole ordeal, so all students are legally obligated to tell their home friends that they bragged to, that you did, in fact, lie to them. Additionally, the University is facing a lawsuit from The Real Shaq™'s legal team after publicizing in literally every possible way that basketball legend Shaquille O'Neal would be in attendance. More than anything, he is pretty offended that anyone would ever believe he would visit central Pennsylvania.

While the students all seemed to greatly enjoy the event, many still feel really confused and betrayed by those who planned Mr. Diesel's showcase. In an attempt to quell these strong emotions coming from the student body, the University has announced they will be hiring Commanders in Thief, an edgy pop punk band made up of the three most recent former Presidents of the United States, to perform at Spring Fling.

1 in 3 Bucknellians get married, and it won't be me

Bridgette Simpson
Satire Co-Editor

You've all heard the statistic that one in three University students get married... but what exactly does that mean?

Let me start by saying that my parents actually got married and they met at the University. So did my aunt and uncle (but not the relative kind, the family friend kind), and at least 15 other couples they were friends with and are still friends with to this day.

So I'm well aware of this statistic. But for a long time, I found myself wondering if they meant one in three people will marry another University student, or one in three will get married AT ALL. It doesn't really affect my situation, since it's not looking so good for me regardless. That left ring finger is really starting to look like an independent woman who doesn't need a man.

"Okay wait, I was under the impression that this statistic meant one in three University students will marry EACH OTHER. You're telling me that might not be true?!" I'm really counting on getting married to someone... I'm a creative writing major, I can't survive on my own!!" Mary Riche '23 said. After a pregnant pause, she added, "...And obviously because I want to spend the rest of my life with someone I love, but I thought that was implied."

Marrying rich sounds nice in theory, but I guess you still have to like them at least a little, right?

"People are going to be so mad at us! My boyfriend goes

here and we've been going out since freshman year, so if it's true that one in three University students get married at all, we will hopefully be taking up two of those spots! Is it like the parking spot situation where we have to fight to the death for those spots or something?" Rela Shinsipp '22 said.

Other people are echoing Mary's and Rela's sentiments, but a lot of people share my pessimistic outlook on the entire situation.

"I'm not sure how I'd even find myself in that situation," Dee Vors '24 said. What situation? "Oh, just like, getting married in general. I think it's kinda weird. It's like, 'I like you so much that I'm going to make the government aware of it, and then you have to sign stuff saying you like me too.' I don't know, it's just a strange concept."

"I sort of feel like being married is overrated anyways. What, so now instead of doing my dishes and it being done, I have to do double the dishes and then can't even pick what I want to watch on Netflix after because someone is yelling at me that I did the dishes wrong? I see that happen enough with my parents, and I have been alive for 22 years and I still don't get how there's a wrong way to do the dishes. Yeah, no thanks," Boris Ring '22 said.

It's not for everyone, clearly! Just to clarify, it is one in three University students who will marry each other. And I will not be one of them at this rate!

The Cookie Dude

The Ultimate Spot for Gourmet, Hand-Crafted Cookies in Lewisburg

Harley Marks '23
Staff Writer

Imagine a place where bold flavor, creative ideas and quality ingredients come together to create a truly unique eating experience. A place where cookies and potato chips can be combined and consumed as one. This place does exist—it's called The Cookie Dude, located in Lewisburg, Pa. Owner, baker, and visionary of The Cookie Dude Dan MacArthur started his business to make people happy and fulfill his lifetime dream of owning a bakery. For MacArthur, making money was never the first priority. The store has been in operation for five years but just opened its Lewisburg location on September 12 of this year. As the business generated from the campus community increased, the old location was no longer working. While MacArthur was happy to make these deliveries to campus, driving 15 minutes both ways to complete them took up time and resources. Relocating to Lewisburg made sense so that the large market there would be more easily satisfied. The clientele of The Cookie Dude is split 50/50 between community members and University moms, which emphasizes how often students ask for cookies for special events or occasions.

In addition to running The Cookie Dude, Dan MacArthur works a full-time job at a software company. Despite the stress that entrepreneurship brings, Dan finds joy in his daily routine. His motivation is from both his family and the fantastic people he's met through his busi-

ness. One particularly memorable exchange MacArthur describes involved a young boy who came into the store and wanted a cookie with red, orange and yellow sprinkles because those were his favorite flavors. At that moment, The Cookie Dude only had orange and blue sprinkles (University colors), but Dan still let the child pick out his own sprinkles and help to decorate the cookie he wanted. Dan said that this exchange was special for both of them, and that it's moments like those that fuel the passion behind his business.

"Everything is made fresh from scratch. Baking is an art form, and we have high standards here at The Cookie Dude. I hope people are excited; if you have special flavors that you want, put in pre-orders because they dictate the shop menu. We like to think of ourselves as a cookie democracy. What the people want the people will get!" Dan said.

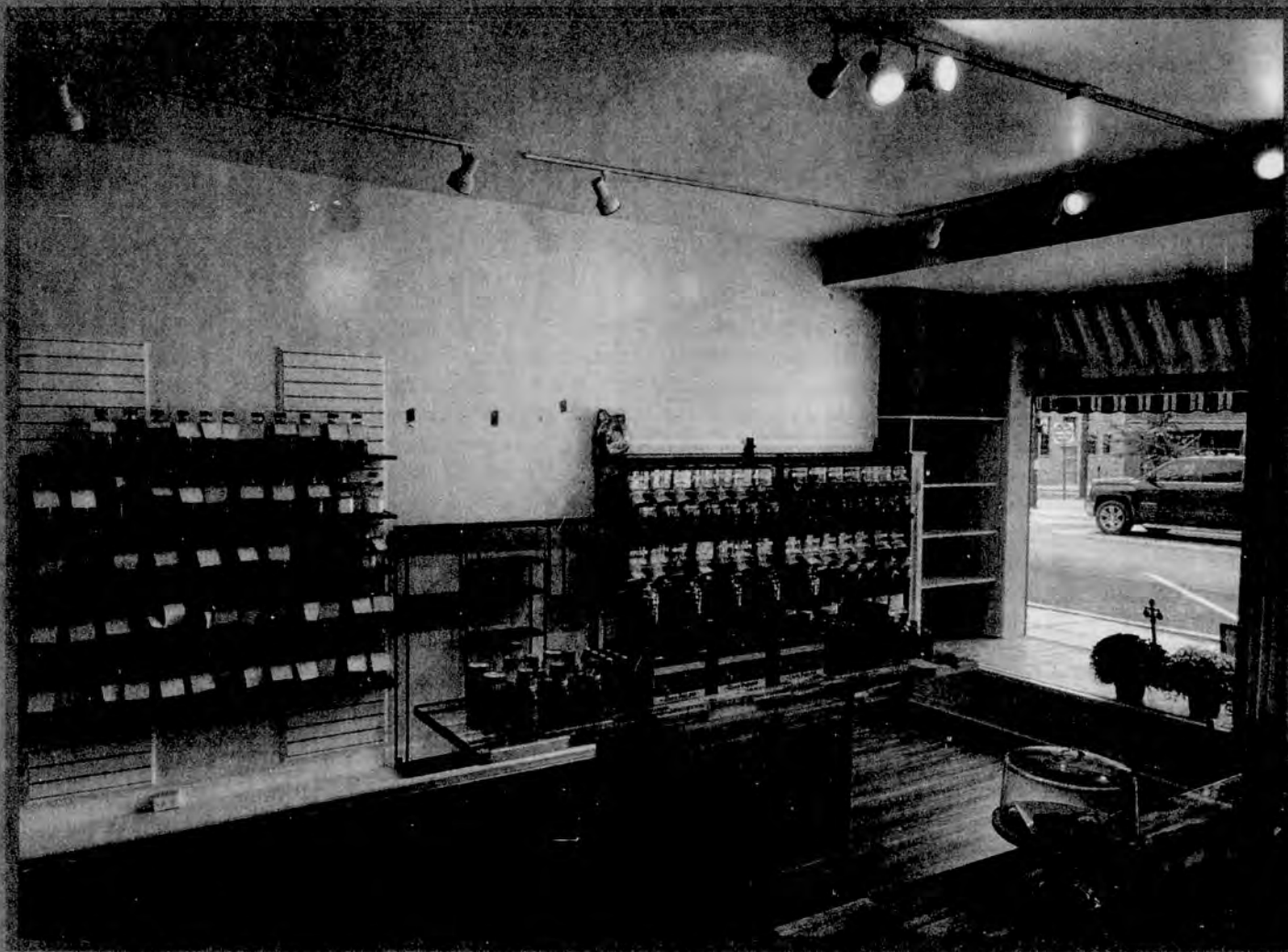
The main goal of The Cookie Dude is to spark joy throughout the community and within our campus. Based on the reviews thus far, I would say that The Cookie Dude definitely succeeds in this goal. "I will never forget my experience with The Cookie Dude! During COVID last year, he was one of the only ways that we could celebrate my roommate's birthday. He was clearly dedicated and passionate about his work, and the cookies were amazing," junior Natalie Paganelli said.

Before delivery, The Cookie Dude sends an individualized text which makes the experience feel both more personal and exciting. For a birthday delivery the cookies will

oftentimes arrive with balloons, again emphasizing that The Cookie Dude always prioritizes the customer experience.

The Cookie Dude's cookie recipes are entirely original and are the culmination of the owner's creative writing and cooking experience. Dan works extra hard to perfect his recipes; in fact, his original chocolate chip cookie recipe took 17 tries to nail! "If you can't make a good chocolate chip cookie you won't have a successful business," his wife said. From this chocolate chip cookie recipe, The Cookie Dude has branched out and created a wide variety of unique flavors. Using powdered Swedish Fish for added texture and flavor is just one example of the kind of innovation you can expect to see at this bakery. To add to the excitement, the name of each cookie is inspired by pop culture references (i.e., Pirate Bootay), and you can find at least 25-30 flavors in addition to the custom orders that The Cookie Dude fulfills for private events. In the future, the Cookie Dude hopes to add other baked goods beyond just cookies.

If you want to have fun, eat great food and support the community in a special way, stop by The Cookie Dude in Lewisburg. The shop has new baked goods in the works so that you can expect even more than cookies in the future. Follow The Cookie Dude on Instagram (@thecookie.dude) and call them with any special requests at 570-939-4241. The store is open Thursday-Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is located on 335 Market St.



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BISON RALLY AT MACDONALD CUP

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UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLLEYBALL
VS NAVY OCT. 1 AT 7PM

FOOTBALL
VS CORNELL OCT. 2 AT 3:30PM

MEN'S SOCCER
VS AMERICAN ON OCT. 2 AT 12PM

Morgan Sohosky
Contributing Writer

The Bison men's golf team traveled to New Haven, Conn. this past weekend to compete at the MacDonald Cup hosted by Yale University. There they competed alongside 13 other teams in Cornell, Colgate, Harvard, Fairfield, St. John's, Penn, Dartmouth, Michigan,

Hartford, Fordham, St. Bonaventure, Yale and Princeton. The team lagged in 13th after the first day of the tournament but rallied to finish in 11th place. Jackson Bussell '23 posted a pair of 71s the first day of the tournament, leaving him in 12th place to start Sunday. He came

back the second day to shoot 73 and post an overall score of 5-over 215. This was good enough to finish in a three-way tie for 11th place. Bussell had the team's best score of the weekend. He said the highlight of his weekend was "hitting 32 out of 36 greens the first day."

Right behind Bussell was Jason Lohwater '22, with a weekend score of 8-over 218. Lohwater jumped five places from the first day, finishing in a three-way tie for 18th place, securing his top-20 finish in a field of 80. Blake Wisdom '23 finished with a solid last round of

74, leading him to a final score of 20-over 230 on the weekend. First-years Jake Maddaloni and John Bradbeer posted weekend totals of 234 and 237, respectively.

The Bison now have a weekend off to prepare for the Bucknell Invitational on Oct. 10-12.

Bison Field Hockey Splits weekend in Boston

Holly Burns
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison field hockey team is on a roll thus far, earning their second Patriot League win of the season against Boston University. The Orange and Blue showed true perseverance and grit to win 2-1 on the road in overtime.

First-year Lily Neilson has been pivotal to the team's success in these opening league matches. Following her record setting five-goal game last weekend, Nielson netted the game winner against the Terriers just a minute and nine seconds into overtime to secure the victory. Nielson was awarded Rookie of the Week honors for the second week in a row for her performance.

Maddie Rehak '23 gave the Bison the initial lead a mere 22 minutes into the game. However, the Terriers were able to even the score with 13 minutes

left in regular time.

Defensively, Clara McCormick '23 was a big contributor in limiting the Terriers to only one goal, tallying six saves on the day. For the offense, Rachel Apa '24 and Gugulethu Sibanda '24 added one assist each on the day. The Orange and Blue traveled to Cambridge on Sunday to face the highly-ranked Harvard Crimson.

Despite suffering a 4-1 loss, the Bison put up a strong fight, limiting the Crimson to a one-goal lead at the half. The Orange and Blue were even able to get on the board in the 43rd minute, when Nielson converted on a penalty corner inserted by Rehak. This goal marked Nielson's ninth of the season, ranking her first in the Patriot League.

"It was a great team win against Boston this weekend. Going into the game was a really cool experience

because we all recognized we are no longer the underdogs and had a huge advantage with winning the league last year and that was shown in the game. Everyone had great plays that led to the team's success. Harvard was a disappointing loss, however we played strong and relentlessly as a unit against a top school and I was proud of the whole team for our play this weekend all around" Rehak said about the weekend's games.

This coming weekend the Bison face Patriot League rival American in Washington D.C. Last year, the Bison faced American three times, where they earned two thrilling victories to lead them to the Patriot League Championship. Catch the Bison in action at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2 on ESPN+ as they fight for their third consecutive Patriot League victory!

Bison Men's soccer comes up short this weekend

Charlotte Dursee
Contributing Writer

The Bison men's soccer team took on Army West Point this past Saturday night at Lewisburg's own Emmitt Field. After a long fight the Black Knights came out on top with a 2-1 victory, putting the Bison at a record of 2-5-1 overall and 0-1-1 in Patriot League play.

While the Black Knights dominated the first half of the game, the Bison were able to hold the score at 0-0 for the first 45 minutes.

Within the first few minutes of the second half Army converted on a well-executed header crossed into the six. The Black Knights followed up minutes later with a shot into the back of the net to put them up 2-0.

The Bison were in control most of the second half and were able to score around the 70th minute. Eddie Perez-Pelaez '23 headed a cleared ball to teammate Patrick O'Hara '22, who was about 25 yards out

when he rifled a shot into the net, scoring his first goal of the season.

Army held onto their lead for the remainder of the game. Though the Bison had numerous opportunities to score off of a couple of corner kicks late in the game, they were unable to capitalize on these chances. Army went home with the victory to improve their record to 5-2-1.

Reflecting on the game, men's head coach Matt Brown noted that, "It was a very challenging physical game that could have gone either way, [and] unfortunately it didn't go the way we wanted. As a group we need to compete for 90 minutes and we just fell short in this category."

The Bison finished with 14 shots on goal, seven shots in each half. Goalkeeper Bennett Schwartz '23 tallied three saves.

The Orange and Blue play next at Lehigh University Sept. 29 at 7 p.m., where coach Brown hopes to see "a positive reaction from the guys."

Volleyball Suffers Tough Loss to Lafayette in First Home Patriot League Match

Rylee Donaldson
Contributing Writer

The Orange and Blue had their first Patriot League match at home in Davis Gym last Friday, Sept. 24. The Bison fell 3-0 to a strong Lafayette team. Lisa Zoch '23 and Catherine Jamison '24 both finished with double-digit kills, but that was not enough to keep the Orange and Blue ahead of the Leopards.

The Bison are now 5-7 overall and 1-2 in the Patriot League. They were able to take the lead in two of the three sets, but the Leopards came back to grab all three wins.

The Orange and Blue took the first four points and took an 8-1 lead in the first set. The Leopards responded with a 6-0 run to pull ahead of the Bison at 16-13. For the rest of the match, the Leopards main-

tained at least a two-point lead and took the first set with a 25-18 win.

The second set started off with the Bison and the Leopards sharing points back and forth, bringing the match to a tie at 10-10. The Leopards went on a 4-0 run and separated themselves from the Orange and Blue midway through the second set. The Bison fought hard to inch their way back, but the Leopards held onto the lead and won the second match with a score of 25-21.

The Bison started off the third set trailing 8-6, but then went on a 6-2 run. With the Orange and Blue up 12-10, the Leopards had to respond. They came back and claimed the next 12 of 13 points and won the set by eight points. In the third set, the Leopards posted a match

high .441 hitting percentage.

The Bison had a similar match against Lehigh on Sunday falling 3-0 on the road in Grace Hall. The Orange and Blue fought hard against the Mountain Hawks, but were unable to pull away with a win in each of the three sets.

"We fought hard this weekend but were unable to come out with a win. We have a lot of the pieces to win matches this year, but need to focus on putting them all together. Overall, I am really excited about this group and know we will continue to work hard in preparation for our next matches," Vittoria Sottani '22 said.

The Bison return home to Davis Gym next weekend to host Navy and American.

Men's Water Polo Splits Weekend at Home

Kaylee Donnelly
Contributing Writer

The Bison men's water polo team took on two games at home this past Sunday, Sept. 26. They lost the first game to George Washington by a score of 8-5. The team was able to bounce back in their second game, defeating Wagner by a score of 9-5.

The Orange and the Blue were able to keep it close with the Colonials in the beginning of the game. They took the lead in the second quarter with a goal from Doruk Ozar '24 to put the score at 2-1. Despite their efforts George Washington was able to tie the game soon after. The Colo-

nials scored twice again to give them a two goal advantage with a score of 4-2.

The Bison managed to come back and tie, with goals from Josh Yardley '22 and Shay Gillearn '25. However, the team was again unable to keep their lead as George Washington was able to get four more goals in the third quarter. The game finished at a score of 8-5, with four saves from Adrien Touzot '23 in goal.

The Orange and the Blue were able to come back on their second game of the day against Wagner. The game was also close from the beginning of the match, with the score at 3-2 af-

ter just the first quarter. With goals from Yardley and Walker Butler '24, the Bison were able to secure a 7-4 lead at half.

The defense displayed a strong effort in the second half, only letting in one more goal for the Seahawks. A goal each from Hasan Mogultay '25 and Andu Vlasceanu '23 secured the Bison's win with a score of 9-5, putting a win on the board for the Bison this weekend. Touzot put up a record 11 saves for the season.

The Bison will have next weekend off, but will travel to play George Washington, Navy, and Johns Hopkins on the weekend of Oct. 16-17.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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Lily Neilson '25
FIELD HOCKEY

PROFILE
HOMETOWN: NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA
HIGH SCHOOL: THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL

Clara McCormick
Senior Writer

After another stellar week, Lily Neilson '25 was named Athlete of the Week for the second consecutive week. She tallied four more points as the Bison went 1-1 this weekend against Boston University and Harvard. She is now the leading scorer in the entire Patriot League with nine goals.

Through the first nine games of her career, Neilson has been spectacular. She has scored nine goals and tallied one assist including a game winning goal in overtime against Boston University. Even against a tough Harvard team on the road, Neilson managed to tally the Bison's only goal in the contest in a 4-1 loss.

The native of Armidale, New South Wales, Australia, has had significant playing time in all of the contests thus far. She is a key player for the Bison, not only being a skilled midfielder but an exceptional penalty corner shooter. The rookie totals 22 shots on the season, and holds a share of the Patriot League and school single game goal record with five against Holy Cross earlier this season.

"I thought Saturday's game was such a good display of how our short game and connections as a team has improved dramatically. The supporting lines everyone ran this weekend really set us up for success," Neil-

son said.

The star first-year and her team are headed to Washington D.C. this weekend to take on American University.

CAREER STATS

9 GAMES PLAYED

9 GOALS

1 ASSIST

22 SHOTS ON GOAL

Tara Thomas Leads Bison Women's Golf at Bucknell Invitational

Holly Burns
Sports Co-Editor

This past weekend the Bison women's golf team placed fifth at the Bucknell Invitational. The Bison ended the weekend with a total score of 936, enough to maintain their fifth-place standing from the first 36 holes on Saturday.

First-year Tara Thomas carried the team, contributing the Bison's best countable score for the third straight round. Thomas finished with a total of 224 strokes, earning her 7th place out of 68 participants. Thomas' highlight of the weekend

was a strong 25-foot putt for birdie to keep her on track, and the Orange and Blue in the running.

There were several other strong performances for the Bison over the weekend, including Morgan Sohosky '23 with a 78, Sun Woo Jeon '22 and Kelsey Yi '24 with 79's and Tatum McKelvey '23 with an 81.

Cristina Canales '24, Sahana Paravantavida '23, Kayla Yi '24 and Morgan Hennessy '22 all competed in singles for the Orange and the Blue. Canales led the group, posting a final score of 78 on the day.

"I would say [that] I am really happy with how I played last weekend on our home course, my overall game is becoming consistent so I am looking forward to shooting better scores. I'm mostly excited that I was able to help the team place in the top five and see our scores improve each round!" Thomas said.

Canales (13th), Jeon (T-16th) and Thomas (T-7th) all earned top-20 finishes.

Check out the Orange and Blue next weekend as they compete at the Navy Fall Invitational in Annapolis, Md.

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BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

US Dominate Ryder Cup in biggest win ever

Logan Kinajil-Moran
Contributing Writer

The United States' victorious Ryder Cup golf team made a serious claim at being the best of all time this month, handing the European team a 19-9 thrashing to take back the Ryder Cup in Haven, Wis.

The Ryder Cup is a biennial golfing tournament, proclaimed as the preeminent event in the sport, where 24 of the best golfers from the United States and Europe compete over three days. Specifically, teams face off in three different formats — a "four-ball" (golfers face off in a 2v2), a "foursome" (a 2v2 but where the golfers alternate shots) and classic

singles play. The winner is the team that takes the most of the 28 points up for grabs. The 2021 rout marked the largest margin of victory ever in the 28 point format, established in 1979, with the tournament itself dating back to 1927.

The team's dominance was evident from the beginning. After taking a 6-2 lead after the first day, they looked effortlessly unstoppable. From coming up clutch to stealing points away from the Europeans with crucial eagles, to the point where golfers Justin Thomas and Dan-

iel Berger drank beers on the first tee of the fourth session, the win never really seemed in much doubt.

The 12-man team set a record for youngest team in U.S. history with an average age of just under 30 — as well as breaking several other records. For instance, the team played an undefeated weekend for the first time in 44 years, with Dustin Johnson as the first golfer in the tournament to win all five points he competed for since 1979.

"The U.S. were very strong," Irish national and European

captain Pádraig Harrington said. "Whatever their plan was, they got it right this week. A strong team, played well. Kept the momentum. And they would have been tough to beat at the best of times, let alone when they are at top form. It's a great win for them."

For a team with a history of controversy and team division, it's a powerful return from a disastrous 17½-10½ defeat in 2018.

"I said it a number of times all week long: all these guys came together. They started two weeks ago when they all showed up for

a practice round, [and] I could see the camaraderie then. I could see the willingness to prepare and get ready for this event prior to us even arriving. A lot of these guys have played a lot of golf with each other. Grown up with each other. It's a special group of kids. It was fun to be part of it all. Especially here in Wisconsin," U.S. captain Steve Stricker said.

Stricker, himself boasted his team as "the greatest [...] of all time." In a way, you can see his point. With four of the top five men's golfers in the world on the team, coupled with

their historic record-breaking performance, and potential to dominate for years to come, it's not necessarily a crazy statement.

The future for American golf looks very bright, notes Stricker, elaborating that "this is a new era for USA golf. They are young. They come with a lot of passion, a lot of energy, a lot of game." American golf fans can hopefully look forward to more Ryder Cup success as the team looks to continue its dominance in 2023, when the tournament takes place in Italy.



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Bison soccer struggle against formidable foes

Caleb Smith
Contributing Writer

The Bison women's soccer team had a tough weekend of competition, falling to Colgate 3-0 and Princeton 6-1 on the road. The losses put the Bison at 5-6-1 on the season and 2-1 in Patriot League play.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, the Bison fell in a tough Patriot League contest against rival Colgate. The loss stopped a three game winning streak for the Orange and Blue. Jenna Hall '24 made a great stop on a breakaway early in the game to keep the contest scoreless. The Raiders were able to take the lead five minutes before halftime. Colgate doubled their advantage in the 60th minute and then tallied their third in the 80th minute to seal the game. The Bison were unable to score for the first time in their past three contests, but it was not without trying. They forced the

Colgate keeper to make five saves throughout the contest.

In their final non-league match of the season, the Bison fell 6-1 to a very strong Princeton team. Princeton has been ranked nationally throughout the entire season so far and it showed during the match. The Tigers scored three goals in the opening 12 minutes of the match that took the wind out of the Bison's sails. Hall was able to come up with a penalty save in the 22nd minute to keep the score at 3-0. Princeton scored one more time before halftime making the score 4-0. Abby Gearhart '23 scored her third goal of the season early in the second half to get the Bison on the board. Gearhart managed to get on the end of a cross from Alana Carlucci's '22 cross before crashing into the post. The rest of the contest was all Princeton as

they scored twice more to make the final score 6-1.

"Unfortunately, neither game went our way this weekend. Both games were a good learning experience, that we need to compete for a full 90' defensively, and finish our chances to put teams away early. We have a big league game this coming weekend against Holy Cross, where we are really going to focus on fixing what went wrong this week. We are still in a really good position in the league, so we are really looking forward to bouncing back strong and getting a solid road win" Raegan Dunwoodie '22 said.

The Bison will look to get back on track and improve to .500 on the season when they travel to Holy Cross. The game is on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 1 p.m.

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U.K.: Mining or Melt

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For the past several years, the United Kingdom has been gradually working towards a more climate-friendly environment, passing policies such as the U.K. Climate Change Act — a policy that commits the U.K. to reducing 100 percent of the greenhouse gas emitted in 1990 by the year 2050. And although there seems to be some climate equitable progression in some parts of the U.K., others seem to oppose this progress.

Whitehaven, England is a small rural town located on the shores of Eastern U.K. The town used to be heavily dependent on deep-coal mining, using coal to power their industrial manufacturing and for nearly all electrical uses throughout the city. In 1990, near the start of the U.K.'s move to become more climate equitable, all deep-coal mining shops were shut down, and for 30 years the town remained mining-less. However, prospectors are currently trying to jump-start the mining industry again, in hopes of making a living as well as creating more job opportunities for locals. These prospectors argue that starting the mining industry

again will further industrialize the rural town of Whitehaven, and increase the standard of living (SOL) for all local residents. It's simple economics: maximizing your economic surplus through investing the labor and resources that you currently have. However, economics is known for only being efficient, not equitable.

To industrialize through the mining industry completely ignores the entire purpose of the U.K.'s move to a more climate equitable society, and activists such as Chris Starks, the Chief Executive of U.K.'s Committee on Climate Change, have something to say about it.

Starks says that jump-starting the mining industry again completely undermines the significant progress the U.K. has made towards climate change the last several years, and that any effort to do so "is clearly a wrong message, and it looks like a mess." After all, how is the U.K. supposed to satisfy the Climate Change Act when towns are perpetually trying to jump-start greenhouse gas emission projects?

The political economy is split right now. Many are focused on the prospect of new jobs and a higher SOL and some are against the institution of a mining in-

dustry for the sake of a healthier environment. The question really boils down to a short term financial investment or a long term in our environment.

When you take into consideration that two-thirds of extreme weather change over the last 20 years is attributed to humans, and global warming rates are increasing at 0.18 degrees Celsius on average per year since 1981, and that global temperatures will reach a record high almost every new year, the choice is clear. We should choose to invest in long term environmental preservation unless we want to live in a constant heat-wave.

But what about the possible job opportunities and higher SOL for many rural towns trying to industrialize like the modern day international powers have? Arguably, if the SOL truly is low in rural towns like Whitehaven—and not as a measure of GDP per capita but as a measure of social welfare—then that becomes a conflict that can be dealt with without necessarily harming the environment. It becomes a conflict that concerns social welfare. Surely the fifth largest international economic power can make such advancements without environmental consequences.

Kids should not have Instagram

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Childhood is a time for innocence and creating an identity for oneself, not for the pressures of the public eye and the pitfalls that the internet can produce. Instagram and other social media platforms create an opportunity for connectivity regardless of time and place, however, these platforms are also rooted in exposure and social pressure that can damage a young mind. Pressures to fit in, get likes and create a base of followers all can lead to behaviors and thoughts that are harmful to young people's mental health. Kids cannot be kids when their thoughts are taken over by an app that creates the illusion of what the world is when it is only a mirage of still photos crafted for perfection. There is no need to make Instagram age-appropriate for children, for the app should not be used by children in general.

Instagram launched in 2010 and I set up my profile when I was only 11 years old. I can tell you first hand the negative effects that social media had on my childhood. I remember feeling like how many followers I had or how many likes I got on my photos reflected my worth. As I grew older, the stress caused by Instagram has all but diminished. I have come

to learn the insignificance of followers and like counts among every other part of life. It should not have mattered as much to me as it did when I was a kid, but I can say with certainty that I was not the only one experiencing these added pressures. All of my friends would send pictures and potential captions into group chats to ask for opinions and would have their eyes glued to their phone watching the like count, and some of my friends still do this today. Instagram and its addictive qualities have tapped into all of us and it is scary to look back on.

This article comes at a time when Facebook paused the development of a new Instagram platform tailored to kids. The mere idea of the app faced so much backlash that its demolition was demanded by policymakers, parents and beyond before it even launched. Critiques are infuriated by this new business model. According to the New York Times, they argue that Instagram kids "hooks children on the app at a younger age rather than protecting them from problems with the service, including child predatory grooming, bullying and body shaming." This argument intensifies the addictive realities of social media, showing how the damages to children run so much deeper than stressing about fol-

lower counts and likes. The hardest part to stomach is that according to the Journal, Facebook is aware of these negative effects of the current Instagram app, so it begs the question with a scary answer: why would they want to set kids up for that experience earlier on? A kids' Instagram opens Facebook up to new consumers, a new demographic and thus, more profit. Critiques of the new app are prioritizing the health of our youth over profit. Will Facebook retreat and do the same?

Let me reiterate: I am not writing this to condemn social media use. As I explained, I have grown up to care less about how my photo performs on Instagram and I have learned to appreciate how much the app has opened me up to new people and perspectives. It allows me to stay in touch with people I meet through-out my life and it allows me to educate myself on current events. But what I will argue is for kids to not get on Instagram, and for Facebook to introduce more restrictions to stop young people from getting on the current version of Instagram. I am also arguing for the stop of production of their version of an age-appropriate Instagram. Kids do not need the additional social and mental pressures that social media gives them. Let kids be kids.

Why we must accept migrants

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Senior Writer

No matter which presidential administration is in power, it seems that there is always a crisis at the border.

President Trump repeatedly utilized both toxic rhetoric and a flexible system to drive away migrants desperate for asylum. One of the greatest controversies during his presidency were his policies on child separation, a cruel tactic undeniably facilitated by detention centers created under President Obama's tenure.

However, border crises are not unique to President Trump. U.S. President Joe Biden currently faces one of the largest influx of migrants at the Southern border with the number of migrant encounters reaching a 21-year high; however, no longer are asylum-seekers journeying from Mexico or predominantly Central American countries. According to the Wall Street Journal, July and August saw the first occurrence of more migrants coming from other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean than from Mexico and the Northern Triangle.

In short, the need for migration and the desire to seek American refuge has spread southwards. This in part is the result of a plight faced by all the world: the pandemic has shown no signs of slowing down due to variants and inconsistent vaccine rollouts. Developing nations in the South are compounded with shortages of food and medicine, which are rapidly creating inhospitable environments. These are not necessarily new issues in these regions, but the COVID pandemic all but exacerbated them.

It is a shame that with this prescient issue causing mass migrations, the United States has directly responded by denying people fleeing pandemic-stricken areas. Under Title 42, the border officials may expel, rather than apprehend, migrants that come from countries where "a quarantinable communicable disease exists".

This public health authority was introduced in March of last year in an effort to curb the domestic spread of COVID. Yet not only have these efforts not been successful, but they have also

served as the justification for mass denials of migrants at the border. In July, President Biden maintained this precedent by expelling thousands more migrants compared to Trump's final months in office, while also apprehending tens of thousands more migrants.

Nothing about the situation at the border is simple or easy to resolve, but there are certain key elements worth understanding. Asylum is not an illegal action distinguished from simply crossing the border into America. Yet while the number of migrants arriving at the border has steadily continued to rise over the years, the previous administration heavily restricted the number of refugees resettled in the United States, as well as asylees admitted entry. Biden's efforts to increase those numbers are welcome, but they are offset by the administration's moves to increasingly expel migrants. In enforcing Title 42, migrants are also quickly sent away without the opportunity for their asylum request to be processed.

We must also acknowledge that while

this influx of migrants is in part the result of the pandemic, many structural issues in southern countries will not go away once COVID becomes a worry of the past, if it ever does. Despite the many problems in the United States, the country serves as a viable destination for migrants desperate to escape violence, hunger and an ever-worrisome climate crisis.

The surge of Haitian migrants constituting over 10,000 people arriving at the Del Rio, Texas border are largely the result of both the presidential assassination in the country and a 7.2 magnitude earthquake that killed over 1,000 people. Additionally, migrants from Cuba and Venezuela are fleeing intensified political and economic crises under the belief that American prosperity will avail them if they can manage their way across the border, illegally or otherwise.

The United States offers these migrants no support and leaves them helpless by sending them back home without due process. The current administration has justified their actions at the bor-

der in the name of preserving domestic health, but President Biden has broadly failed to consider the well-being of those that can not afford to return to dangerous territories and regions rife with persecution. To refuse migrants seeking asylum, many with legitimate reasons for fleeing their home countries, is a temporary relief for the congested border and nothing more.

The truth is that while there is no easy remedy that can quickly repair the situation at the border, there are steps that can and should be taken. Creating safer and more hygienic detention centers while also forming more rapid procedures for processing migrants can help alleviate the potential virus spread in these facilities. This also encourages less expulsion and instead more asylum seekers can be processed.

Relaxing enforcement of Title 42, or removing it altogether, will not only bring back some semblance of processing for asylum seekers but will also translate to fewer migrants crossing between ports rather than through them.

When Vice President

Kamala Harris journeyed to several South American countries to meet with leaders and discuss migrant issues, the current administration took a potentially important first step towards addressing the root causes of the border crisis. However, these visits will mean precious little if it amounts to nothing more than a few half-hearted speeches and meetings.

Yet even before all of that we must first recognize that while migrants are not a monolith, most that are attempting to enter our country come with few other options. We can only uphold our exclusionary methods by denying the validity of their struggles and refusing to grant them asylum. We cannot just brand them as criminals when they are often fleeing that very criminality in their countries.

Some might argue that it is not the United States' responsibility to harbor so many migrants, but if we maintain that attitude then we must also accept that in denying migrants asylum we may be sending them off to more perilous circumstances.

On China: Biden is far (from) right

Trevor Gullock
Senior Writer

As a product of mounting polarization between Democrats and Republicans after the 2020 Presidential Election, U.S. President Joe Biden has presented himself as an antithesis to Trump on issues both political and procedural. From publicly expressing support for LGBTQIA+ freedoms — in direct contrast to the position of the previous administration — to showing support for college debt relief, Biden was no doubt elected to reduce the foreign and domestic policy frictions occasioned by controversial former president Donald Trump. In many ways Biden's foreign policy has conformed to these expectations — that is, except for China.

The United States's political relationship with the People's Republic of China has yet to thaw, especially with the latter's status as the possible "origin" of the novel coronavirus COVID-19. Moreover, both Biden and former President Trump have voiced frustration over delayed reporting and containment of the spread by the superpower, in contravention of CDC and WHO guidelines. These factors have left the American relationship with China on rather uncertain ground. A sizable contingent of Americans hold enduring negative sentiments towards China, and Asian hate crimes have increased precipi-

tously over the course of 2020–2021; one attack was reported as recently as last week in Northern Texas. Additionally, some 71 percent of Republicans and 69 percent of Democrats have reported that they currently hold "somewhat cold" or "very cold" feelings toward China. But is it either moral (given China's debilitating experience with coronavirus) or economically savvy to pull back from Chinese engagement?

Other policy factors — from China's current human rights infringements against the Uyghur people, often blatant disregard of intellectual property and leaning on the unethical use of surveillance and censorship — keep China's global reputation consistently low. In the United States, these factors have led many lawmakers and citizens to suggest cutting economic ties with the country, even if it hurts our nation's economy. A steady trickle of news about Uyghur internment camps in the western Xinjiang region, and the Chinese government's refusal to acknowledge this internment, also remain a top reservation for Americans regarding Chinese-American relations. Republicans have long supported a more hawkish economic and political posture on the superpower, including increasing existing (and introducing new) tariffs on Chinese imports; Democrats have largely assented to this

policy, while encouraging some limited constructive accommodation. With Biden largely continuing Trump's aggressive posture towards China, it is no longer a question of whether United States–Chinese economic relations will deteriorate, but how far?

The Chinese government's troubled response to COVID was further hampered by a series of chronic power outages afflicting the nation's people. Goldman Sachs has substantially decreased their forecast of China's economic growth for the fiscal year 2021, even as other nations flourish with the removal of stay-at-home orders. Nonetheless, while this leverage over the country may sound appealing to political realists, economic coercive diplomacy with China may not be in our best interest, especially considering their role as the highest holder of U.S. trade securities (i.e. our debt). Economic warfare with China could only serve to heighten tensions and create more opportunities for hate crimes at home. Both would ultimately reduce the pride I hear in being called an American. In order to avoid this, we can no longer conceptualize China as simply an enemy to be ignored, chastised and vilified. Instead, we should utilize constructive diplomacy to promote multilateral human rights causes like the release of Uyghur Muslims.

Finally, back in the classroom

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About half of the University students have been out of the classroom for around a year and a half due to the current COVID pandemic. Not only did online learning hinder students' mental health over these months, but many students also lost motivation to work and excel in school after spending hours learning behind a screen. With a lack of physical contact and verbal connection with other students and professors, many college students were shocked when entering a classroom for the first time on August 23, 2021.

The semester brought much anxiety to students. Unaware of what to expect, questions of social distancing in the classroom and the mask mandate caused apprehension among students. These anxieties appeared to decrease through the following weeks of the semester, as students became comfortable with their schedules and classmates.

Despite the anxieties and potential concerns that came on the first day of the fall semester at the University, there seems to be a rise in both students' mental health and motivation. Students can now fully participate in class without the fear of talking over another student on Zoom. Students have also explained that classes in person are more beneficial and effective due to a lack of computer use. Many

have learned bad habits while learning online, as apps on a computer can be distracting. Whether you received a text message or an email during a virtual class, students were easily distracted from the material that was being taught by a professor. Thankfully, this is not the case, as professors now suggest that students take notes with a pen and paper rather than on a Word document.

During the time of virtual learning, it was easy for students to attend class as just a few clicks on their laptop enabled them to make an appearance on Zoom. Many professors complained that students constantly turned their cameras off during class, believing that they were doing other assignments, laying in bed or talking to their roommates or friends. Setting an alarm, waking up, changing and walking across campus to a class has enhanced students' mental health and desire to succeed at the University. Although students and professors must wear a face-covering in the classroom, students appear much happier learning in-person than through a screen.

We are now able to communicate freely with peers and professors. Showing most of our faces in class rather than hiding behind a turned-off camera during class has improved collaboration in the classroom and inclusion in our community. Students can now walk to class together, get meals in the Bison or Bostwick on the way or back to their residence

after a lecture and attend events in person. The University is back to a somewhat normal life.

In the past two weeks, professors have noticed a lack of attendance in class or have received various emails notifying them of an absence. The "Bucknell Plague" has affected many students on campus as our immune systems went into shock. Due to a lack of in-person classes and human contact on campus, students started to feel extremely ill a few weeks after classes began. Some believe that this plague is COVID, while others think it is just another virus. Students experiencing sinus infection symptoms tend to test positive for COVID when receiving professional help and medications at the student health center. With the increase in cases and illnesses on campus, some professors made classes virtual for a week to allow all students to attend class. Their professor's decisions angered some students while others explained that they needed the so-called "relaxed classes," that online learning permits.

With classrooms now open for all students on campus, many are happy with the University's decision to put an end to virtual learning. Students are conversing on campus, making new friends, forming more robust connections and meeting their professors for the first time in person. University students appear highly motivated to succeed in and out of the classroom.

WEED... be a better nation



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Nine years ago, Washington and Colorado became the first states to legalize recreational use of cannabis. The recreational use of marijuana translates to using cannabis for personal satisfaction rather than for medical use. Depending on where you reside in the United States, the stigma behind marijuana use varies. In California, generally speaking, if you were to verbally divulge to another individual about the huge bong rip you took last night, the reaction you'd get would be quite different than if you were to tell someone from Tennessee. Why is that?

Well, legality status plays a large role in the sentiments regarding marijuana among Americans from different states. In a state like Tennessee where marijuana remains fully illegal, residents from that state are more likely to view explicit recreational use of marijuana as abnormal.

The varying legality statuses of marijuana is a prime example of federalism in our nation. States share power with the government to create unique legislation, hence, states can take different stances on marijuana legality. Because there is no federal law, states have opposing views on legalizing and decriminalizing marijuana. For example, in Wyoming, marijuana is fully illegal; if you travel north to the bordering state of Montana, marijuana is fully legal. In the words of Kid Cudi, that is quite "Day 'N' Night." It is hard to grasp that if you are caught with marijuana, your future could unravel drastically depending on which state you reside in.

Over the last decade, our nation has taken drastic measures to destigmatize marijuana use and challenge its criminalization status. However, to be blunt, we are not quite there. So why should we legalize marijuana? First and foremost, criminalizing marijuana places a

drain on the resources of correctional facilities.

In 2018, there were more than 663,000 arrests regarding marijuana. 608,000 of those arrests were simply due to marijuana possession. Along with that number, let's factor in the cost of an arrest, which is around \$1,000–\$5,000. After crunching some numbers, we see that between \$600,000,000 and \$3,000,000,000 is spent on the arrests of recreational marijuana users per year (on average). Additionally, let's consider the numerous health benefits of marijuana such as reduced anxiety, pain relief, preventing nausea caused by chemotherapy, relaxing tight muscles and stimulating appetite.

Public opinion regarding legalizing marijuana has increased year after year since 1972, finally breaking the 50 percent threshold in 2012. We, the people of the United States, have the power to fight for change and urge lawmakers to legalize marijuana.

Where are the Efforts to Find Missing People of Color?

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By now, everyone in America with a working television or mobile device has heard the name Gabby Petito. Her name was cast on every national news network announcing her suspicious disappearance while on a long road trip with her fiancé, Brian Laundrie. When Laundrie appeared at his parents' house in Florida without Petito, authorities were contacted by Gabby's parents. The situation was of utmost concern considering there has been a domestic dispute case open since mid-August.

Because of the standing concern and Petito's sudden disappearance, the public became heavily engaged in the search. For the past few weeks, social media sites have been flooded with theories, suspicions and updates. People all over the world were following the story, and every ounce of media attention was poured into the Petito case. Unsurprisingly, she was found in a short amount of time. Tragically, though, she was not found alive.

The speedy "discovery" of Gabby Petito raises questions about the efforts put into every other open missing person's case.

America and its news

networks have an odd way of putting all their coins in one bag. When an interesting event occurs, everyone's ears perk up and everything else seems to fall away. After it's all over, they find something else to fixate on. American minds — specifically young ones — crave the mystery that oozes from these types of true crime cases. Some are interested in the psychology behind true crime subjects, and crave the answers needed to piece the puzzle together. The rest are consumed with the prospect of heroism, in other words: those influenced by a savior complex.

So what happens to all the victims of the seemingly "uninteresting" cases? The murdered, the missing, the loved ones, the families? Their names are forgotten and their loved ones suffer without solace. Those forgotten are disproportionately people of color. Last year alone, 543,018 people went missing in the United States; 40 percent of those were people of color, 35 percent of them African American. The public doesn't know about these statistics because these cases aren't significant enough to make the news every evening. Is it because minorities aren't worth searching for? Are their stories inherently worth less because they are

not of a young, white 22-year old? These questions are imperative, as systemic racism plagues this country whether we want to acknowledge it or not.

Biases are a part of society, but when cops, the public and the media start prioritizing white missing persons over the countless disappearances of people of color, questions must be asked and actions must be taken.

This generation of American influencers and social media consumers has proved helpful for raising awareness. Yet, we tend to pick and choose, and this needs to be adjusted. True crime cases, especially ones that are active, are not puzzles for those yearning to be entertained. They involve real people with families and friends that are waiting for answers.

In reality, we cannot rely on the presence of TikTok and Facebook to solve these cases. It is inevitably up to authorities and experts to determine the whereabouts of victims, and close the infinite number of cases piled on their desks. While the public continues to support the loved ones of Gabby Petito, we must continually use our platforms to do our part to spread awareness for those without a voice.

Red Sky Performance

INDIGENOUS CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMES TO THE WEIS CENTER STAGE

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On Tuesday Sept. 28 the Weis Center for the Performing Arts hosted Red Sky Performance, one of Canada's leading dance companies of contemporary Indigenous performance. Founded in 2000 by Artistic Director Sandra Laronde of the Teme-Augama-Anishinaabe (People of the Deep Water), Red Sky has traveled to 17 countries and performed close to 3,000 times. Along the way they have won a plethora of awards across nations for their performances, which intertwine dance, theatre, music and media into fascinating creations that highlight the beauty of Indigenous culture. According to their website the company's mission is "to create inspiring experiences of contemporary Indigenous arts and culture that transform society. We drive our passion forward and elevate Indigenous arts and culture in ways that celebrate, uplift, and respect Indigenous cultures."

The Weis Center learned about Red Sky through Executive Director Kathryn Maguet who said, "I had the opportunity to see Red Sky at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival in the Berkshires a few summers ago and was thrilled by the company's artistry and athleticism."

Athleticism is right—Red Sky's performance Trace, its newest of 16 productions, features impressive stunts, daring throws and incredibly sharp

motions, all synchronized to perfection between the seven-person ensemble. Contrasted movements and a sense of organized chaos created an experience that felt both grounded and brought the viewer to another world. Through their performance, this ensemble was able to embody a language that went beyond words.

But so much more goes into Trace than just the stunning choreography. The production heavily pulls inspiration from the sky and star stories of the Anishinaabe, an Indigenous group hailing from the Great Lakes region. By telling these stories through performance, Red Sky aims to "[offer] a glimpse into our origin as well as our future evolution."

In a short conversation before the show began, Laronde spoke further on the positive effects of sharing Indigenous art. When asked about the most rewarding aspects of bringing Trace to the stage, she said that the audience response is one of the many things that make the show fulfilling, "watching people walk out of a venue after a performance feeling lifted—it's a shared experience."

This higher purpose was certainly not lost on the attendees of the show on Tuesday. Audience member and Writing and Teaching Consultant for the University Writing Center Peg Cronin praised the experience,

saying, "This piece manifested the relatedness of all life forms going back to our star origins, emphasizing deep connection even as it dealt with violent rupture, such as the government decree forbidding Indian dance."

The government decree that Peg refers to was a shining moment in the performance, as the words of the decree were projected behind the dancers, emphasizing the attempted stifling of Indigenous culture and art forms. Soon after, the words began to fall away from the screen, "as if the government language was reclaimed by the elements, turning to to snow or falling stars—some kind of cosmic weather under which the dancers reclaimed their tradition," Peg said.

The combination of media and dance allowed this performance to deliver powerful sentiments on the strength of Indigenous culture. Viewers were left feeling as though they had witnessed a sacred ceremony—a powerful commentary on the interconnectedness of the universe as well as the refusal to suppress Indigenous culture. Red Sky both fiercely and generously permitted audience members to experience the passing down of the Anishinaabe ancestral stories through their performance. Bringing art from other cultures onto modern campuses is a cru-

cial step in exposing students to the ways and values of different cultures. Performances such as Trace expose us to rich traditions from which we may otherwise remain sheltered from. Such shelter can ultimately cause ignorance of the histories and practices of other groups that we may live near. Much like Red Sky's company mission, it is important that diversity of all kinds be encouraged, celebrated and respected whenever possible. It is through these acts that negative stereotypes are quelled, understanding of our world is heightened and people of all backgrounds may come together. Additionally, when we open our hearts and minds to the beliefs of others we give ourselves the gift of listening and give others the gift of being heard.

Maguet understands the importance of this cultural appreciation, as it was yet another strong reason for the Weis Center to bring Red Sky to it's the stage. "I thought this company and this piece in particular was the perfect introduction to contemporary dance through an Indigenous lens for the [University] campus," she said.

The Weis Center has a fantastic roster of productions visiting the stage for the 2021-2022 season, so be sure to check it out and allow yourself to be open to everything there is to offer.



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On Monday Oct. 4, University President John Bravman made public the final report delivered by the University Food and Nutrition Task Force at the close of last semester. Composed of staff, faculty and students, the task force was formed in response to both significant student opposition to the University's fall 2020 meal plan and dining services changes, and longer-term student activism around food insecurity.

University Instagram account hacked and held ransom

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News Co-Editor

Cybersecurity threats loom over tech companies, medical centers and even meat packing plants as a growing issue. After this weekend, the University has become the latest victim of similar cyberattacks.

According to University administrators, the official Instagram account for the University was hacked and held for an undisclosed ransom on Sunday.

While in the ransomware's possession, the regular profile picture was replaced with what appeared to be a silver Mustang logo, and the name for the account was changed to "pharabenfarway22k."

Also, the account's description was changed to

ger-term student activism around food insecurity.

The group's final report, dated May 24 of this year, analyzed the definitions of food insecurity compared with hunger and emphasized that "food insecurity is an institutional problem at [the University] that disproportionately affects marginalized students."

Further, the report noted that, "[p]rograms that rely on charitable handouts [like B-Eats and swipe donations] have been used as a stopgap

read, "this Instagram account is held to be sold back to its owner."

A hyperlink was included in the description.

Following the link led to a WhatsApp contact for an unknown user. The account's profile picture featured actor Tom Hardy in the 2015 film "Legend" along with the quote "Sheer Class. Pure Gangster" written within the image.

Clicking on the account's contact information revealed the account was created on Sept. 6, 2021, nearly a month before the incident.

The Bucknellian requested a comment from the ransomers through the listed link but did not receive a response.

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measure, but they perpetuate insecurity, stigmatize students and do not alleviate the chronic stress of uncertain food availability."

In response to campus food insecurity during the Fall 2020 semester, students staged a protest of University Dining and meal plans in September of 2020. The Bucknellian reported then that the protest was precipitated by "weeks of student outrage since the University's announcement that they would be increasing the

price of their meal plans, which are mandatory for all students living on campus." This protest involved the distribution of free food, as well as literature detailing local and national food insecurity statistics.

The newly-released report recommends four possible University-wide models to resolve the issue. "[I]n order of most to least potential transformation," they include a universal all-you-care-to-eat plan, a universal non-apartment all-you-care-

to-eat plan, a "build-your-own" plan, and a more traditional "tiered" model.

Upperclassmen can currently choose from six meal plan options combining dining dollars, plus dollars, and cafeteria swipes — ranging in price from \$700 to \$2,841 per semester. First-year students are required by the University to purchase the "Anytime Access," all-you-care-to-eat plan for the maximum of \$2,841.

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With 'Ray for Fair Pay, Fight for Higher Wages Comes to the University

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When the federal minimum wage was increased by the U.S. Congress from \$6.55 to \$7.25 per hour, the country looked much the same as it does today. Emerging from a major economic recession and the throes of a global pandemic, the nation looked to provide some relief to working families affected by a period of deep volatility and uncertainty. That year was 2009, and despite the 11 years passed since then, another fixture of that time remains familiar — that same \$7.25 minimum wage. Indeed, the period from then to now constitutes the longest without a minimum wage increase since the creation of the federal minimum wage in 1938. After over a decade at the same rate, \$7.25 has lost nearly a fifth of its purchasing power from 2009 levels. As of 2021 this wage does not cover full-time laborers' cost of living in any American state; in Pennsylvania, it covers barely half that amount.

Opposing this stagnation in wages for working people is a large social movement of activists, academics, labor leaders and politicians seeking to increase the minimum wage

and raise living standards for many of the nation's most essential workers. Some have approached the value at a federal level, lobbying for Congressional support of a new federal minimum wage increase; others have been content to approach state governments, who may set state minimums higher, but not lower, than federal levels, to improve local economic welfare.

Still others — such as the University's "Ray for Fair Pay" (RFFP) Initiative — seek to achieve higher minimum wages at an individual institutional level, setting an example for regional economic partners while increasing the competitiveness of its job openings.

"If you can make more at Evan[gelical Hospital], or Geisinger, or Wendy's, why would you stay [at the University]?" Associate Professor of Anthropology Clare Sammells asked in an interview with The Bucknellian. "You know, [the University] used to be one of the coveted employers of the region — people really would fight to try to get a job here — and it doesn't feel that way anymore."

The University currently pays its custodians at a rate of \$12.60 an hour,

According to MIT data on living wages, this is just a few cents over what is required to cover all expenses for an unmarried adult with no dependents, and well below what would be needed to support one or more children. Though no precise values on staff pay are available to the public, it was commonly asserted by sources contacted for this article that "staffing issues" have been more prevalent than in previous semesters.

Ray for Fair Pay, a coalition of community members drawn from students, faculty and staff alike, hopes to respond to these inequities and join a tide of rising wages occasioned by labor shortages in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Professor of Education Sue Ellen Henry, another faculty supporter of the initiative, explained that "[t]his campaign is quite simply, a call for equitable and sustainable wages and work life at [the University]. As other industries have responded to workers' calls for improved wages and benefits in exchange for labor, we expect that the University will respond."

"However," she continued, "increasing wages is only one part of creating

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BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.Brief by Jaxon White and Juliette Gaggini
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INTERNATIONAL

The World Health Organization (WHO) endorsed a groundbreaking malaria vaccine for widespread use on Wednesday, Oct. 6. According to the international body, testing had shown the vaccine was safe and could be distributed in remote areas. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus added that he predicts the vaccine will save tens of thousands of people from the parasite.

The Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp social media services all blacked out on Monday from roughly 11:40 a.m. until around 6:30 p.m. EST, according to NPR. Facebook told NPR that hacking was not to blame, but instead a mistake in the routers that coordinate their traffic.

DOMESTIC

The Washington Post reported that NASA will launch a spacecraft to intentionally hit an asteroid, in the hopes of deflecting the space debris's path. This experiment will be a first-time test for a new method of defense against future threats. The mission is being referred to as a Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) and will launch at 1:20 a.m. EST on Nov. 23, out of Vandenberg Space Force Base in California.

A thirteen-inch tear in a pipeline seems to be the likely source of a recent California oil spill. The spill was first reported last Friday as a "sheen" on the water, which has since spewed up to 1.4 million gallons of crude oil into the Pacific Ocean. Concerns about the ecological and health problems to result from the spill are rising.

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Regarding financial aid, the task force underlined their understanding that the University does not currently meet 100 percent of students' demonstrated financial need, according to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

"We recognize that the \$21.5 million needed to fill the financial aid loan component for all students is quite large," they said, stating that it would take about \$500 million in additional endowment to close that gap. The report further recommends "the University to prioritize Pell-eligible students in ways that would meet the full demonstrated need for these students and to replace the loan component of their financial aid award with grants.

Several other points of guidance came through in the report: the idea that "Dining Services must stand on its own financially is an administrative directive," per task force suggestions, could be reconsidered. It continues on that "[f]ood is a basic need, not a luxury item, and should not be affordable for some but unaffordable for others."

The report adds that food access "should be addressed in a manner similar to how we address the basic needs for housing and health insurance."

The University both guarantees on-campus housing for all for years, and requires all students to purchase or provide proof of health insurance.

As for fraternity dining, the report said after the 2020-21 school year hiatus on Greek meal plans, "a continued pause on fratern-

nity dining would be helpful, until the University is able to create a plan for integration [of those plans]."

Currently, male Greek-letter organizations offer meal plans separate from those of the general University, and are usually served at their respective chapter houses. Sororities do not have an equivalent option.

Two benefits should the University eliminate fraternity meal plans, per the task force's report — "those students would share in the communal life of campus, allowing for the cultivation of multi-gender conversations and relationships beyond the classroom and outside of party contexts," and "the elimination of these plans moves the campus in the direction of gender equity."

Multiple recommendations were also made concerning alleviation of stress and food insecurity, nutritional education and awareness, kitchen access and transportation resources. Other vital topics included cognizance of sustainability, local agriculture and sourcing, and accountability of administrators.

In the email announcing the report's release, President Bravman noted that he was "grateful to the members of the task force for their thoughtful and thorough examination of the overall student dining experience at [the University], especially given the demands of the ongoing pandemic."

He further assured the campus community that "[t]heir findings and suggestions will help inform decisions regarding dining services moving forward."

INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT
HELD RANDOSOM

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Ariana Gambrell '23, who posted about the incident online, first heard about the hacking through a friend's social media post.

With the name of the account being changed, Gambrell said it took her a long time to find the account. Once she found it, she said she was in shock.

"I just couldn't believe that was happening," Gambrell said. "I guess what I really wondered was whether it was a [University] student who hacked the page to send a message or something to the university."

Mike Ferlazzo, the University's Director of Media Relations and Communications, did not specify whether the University

is aware of the ransomer's identity and declined to specify the amount of money they were seeking.

"With the assistance of Instagram officials, the University regained control of its Instagram account in about 48 hours," Ferlazzo said in an emailed statement.

"The University does not have confirmation that this issue was related to the Facebook, WhatsApp and Instagram service outage," Ferlazzo said, referring to an international blackout that affected all three platforms on Monday.

Instagram recommends anyone that believes their account might have been

'RAY FOR FAIR PAY, FIGHT FOR HIGHER
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equity and sustainability in employment."

Indeed, RfFP requests several improvements in the University's labor remuneration policy — and it doesn't stop at just a fair hourly wage. "Benefits are essential — and so is take-home pay," reads one tenet of its online website, rayforfairpay.org. "While [University] employees should receive health insurance, college tuition benefits, and the like, this should be in addition to a living wage."

"You can't pay rent with health insurance," the online page continues.

Other components of the RfFP platform include cost of living adjustments (such that staff wages keep pace with price inflation) and comparable starting wages for subcontracted work. Student wages, currently set only a few cents above the \$7.25 federal minimum, are yet another important issue to the coalition. On this point, their program is unequivocal — "[a] minimum living wage on campus should apply to all workers, including part-time and student workers." Boosters of the initiative argue that these changes will help the University outpace other employers in the region, such as Geisinger, who may si-

phon away skill and experience to its own positions.

But according to its proponents, Ray for Fair Pay is not simply concerned with retaining talented workers in a mounting competitive labor market. "The [RfFP] initiative is calling attention to gross and pervasive wage inequality that characterizes our campus and our society. Whatever they may say about market forces and intergenerational justice [...] the way the university allocates resources is an expression of values," concludes Assistant Professor of Digital Humanities D. Bret Leraul. "The 'Ray for Fair Pay' initiative asks: Is gross inequality a value that [the University] espouses?"

Leraul further worries that sharp wage differentials, along with ambiguous questions of job security for non-tenured workers, often suppress — or preclude entirely — conversations around wages at the University. "It seems like there is a culture of fear[,] especially among staff but also among untenured faculty[,] when it comes to discussing the conditions of our work," he explains. "[T]he National Labor Relations Act protects employees' rights to 'en-

gage in concerted activities for the purpose of ... mutual aid or protection.'" In other words, he further elucidates, "[m]anagement cannot discipline us or fire us for talking about our compensation and working conditions." Pursuant to such rights, Ray for Fair Pay hopes to make workers more comfortable with exercising their rights to "discuss the conditions of their employment, including wages and benefits," in tandem with its other objectives surrounding pay and other allowances.

But what is the role, many may ask, of the student body in this initiative?

While it is unclear who specifically has final say over wages and benefits at the University, Sammells noted that institutional leadership such as the University President and Board of Trustees prove influential to financial decisions, and may be amenable to such changes as are recommended by RfFP. "One of the things I often say to students that surprises them is that students have a lot more power on this campus than they realize," she further explained. "The truth is that the University cares a lot more about what students think than about what faculty think. So I think that — for students

and for alumni — if this is an issue that's important to you, that the people who make this university run be paid fairly, then [...] email President Bravman."

"Be polite!" she hastens to add. "But, you know, this is your chance to make clear how you feel about this, and I think they would listen if they got enough comments from students [...] there's all sorts of things you can do to make it clear that this has student support."

While the major goals of Ray for Fair Pay include concrete wage, benefit and job security guarantees, larger aims of respect and dignity for work are tangible in its supporters' statements. "People often think about faculty and staff as very separate groups, but the truth is that we're all co-workers [...] When we unite to have a unified approach about what is acceptable and not acceptable in terms of employee benefits or pay, I think we'll come out a lot better off as a community."

"Ultimately," Henry concludes, "I hope that improved morale and sustained respect for the work that all people do here at the University will come out of this campaign."

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University's study abroad program returns

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This Fall 2021, the University opened back up its study abroad programs to students after three semesters of cancellations due to the COVID pandemic. The University has a center to help students navigate their options for studying abroad called the Global and Off-Campus Education (OGOE) center. Advisors in this center help students find the perfect abroad program, whether that be a "Bucknell In" program, or a different program or school that the University could potentially partner with, allowing students to take advantage of more opportunities than just those offered by the school.

Emma O'Shea '23 is currently enjoying a semester abroad through the IFSA program at St. Andrews in Scotland. O'Shea is a biomedical engineering major enjoying her time abroad and taking advantage of the many opportunities offered to her through her program and the school.

Looking back at her time applying to study abroad, O'Shea recalls the stress of figuring out what she wanted to do and where she wanted to go. "It's really overwhelming before you have the initial meeting with the school because of all the programs and classes and options. I couldn't find out how to navigate it, but once I had the first meeting it was super easy," O'Shea said.

O'Shea is enjoying the program she ended up doing, and has met many awesome people in the span of just a few weeks. "I really like the people in my program and it's really interesting because I get to kind of redo freshman year and get thrown in with a bunch of people that I don't already know and remake friends," O'Shea said.

"So far I have traveled around Scotland and the weather here is pretty cold so I've been trying to do a lot of travelling before it gets too cold. I have one plan in the future to travel outside the UK but I have been pretty limited because of COVID so I don't want to travel outside the UK too much. I am going to Vienna and Copenhagen soon which is really exciting!" O'Shea said, reflecting on the awesome trav-

el opportunities she has while abroad.

While travelling is always a key component of a semester abroad for an immersive and memorable experience, O'Shea pointed out the importance of choosing interesting and different classes than ones she would take in a regular semester at the University, and how the learning experience is different based on where you go. "It's a big adjustment because in the UK school is very on your own so I have only a couple hours a week that I see a professor and the rest of the work is on my own, but I really like it. I also really like being able to take classes that are not in my major. I'm taking a lot of literature and Greek mythology classes that I wouldn't get to take at Bucknell," O'Shea said.

On top of her classes and making new friends in a foreign country, O'Shea has also taken advantage of a number of clubs at St. Andrews, including a surfing club, clay pigeon shooting club, a hill walking society (hiking) and the Caledonian society which teaches students Scottish reeling (dancing) in preparation for the balls that are held on campus.

For many, a perk of studying abroad seems to be the awesome photos you get to share with your friends back home while you are away. O'Shea pointed out that while her experience has been great thus far, going abroad is not always as easy as it seems and there are difficulties related to moving to any new country in terms of getting integrated with the culture. "I would say it's been more of an adjustment than most people make it out to be and it's not always that you feel perfectly integrated in a new culture immediately. It definitely takes time but once I gave it that time it became amazing, but when I initially got here I wasn't prepared for that so I was a little overwhelmed by that," O'Shea said.

O'Shea was excited about the remainder of her time abroad, but also expressed gratitude to the University community that she will come home to for the spring semester. "It's really cool to be away from Bucknell and at a new school adjusting to day to day life,

but I do miss the fall traditions at school and I'm really excited to come back in the spring. Absence makes the heart grow fonder, so I really am excited to come back and see everyone even more so than I would be if I wasn't abroad this semester. It also makes me appreciate a lot about Bucknell that I didn't even realize I appreciated. At Bucknell, our professor relationships are so much better, it's a lot more comfortable like seeing people I know in the library or around town and sunsets on the quad. It definitely makes me appreciate the little town of Lewisburg more than when I left," O'Shea said.

Jennifer Ellis Fritz, the Associate Director of the Office of Global and Off-campus Education, was mindful of upcoming challenges to upcoming abroad programs. "Even though our numbers are fairly normal for the spring 2022 term, we do believe the fact that U.S. citizens not being able to travel to certain countries (Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China) may have contributed to fewer applications since places like Australia do tend to be a relatively popular destination for students," Fritz said.

"Despite all of this we are fairly confident Spring 2022 will be an option for most of those who have applied. We were able to send students abroad in the fall 2021 semester," Fritz said.

Though the partnering study abroad programs are great, the "Bucknell In" programs are getting started again and many students are excited about the upcoming opportunity to travel with their classmates, such as Juliya Harnood '24. A computer science and French double major, Harnood is looking forward to her upcoming spring semester abroad in Tours with the Bucknell in France program. "Being able to go to France in a big University town with Bucknell students and professors is a really nice community aspect that the school takes abroad," Harnood said.

"I have been planning to do this trip since I got accepted to the University and it's one of the main reasons why I came here because I learned about the program when I visited," Harnood said.



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International Short Film Festival Brings Acclaimed Shorts to Campus

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If you happened to find yourself walking past the Science Quad this past Thursday at 8 p.m., you would have stumbled across the International Film Festival hosted by the Bucknell Language Council.

This second annual event featured seven short films from different countries, including Greece, Italy, Colombia, Russia, France, Hong Kong and Germany. All students were welcome to come and enjoy movie theater snacks while watching the films.

"The film festival was a great experience," Italian studies student Sante Nicolia '23 said. "Being able to see how filmmaking varies in different countries really opened my eyes to the cultures of the world".

Giuliana Ferrara '22, the Presidential Fellow for the Student Language Council, shared that this event was held to engage students in an entertaining way that can show the value of languages.

"Languages are important to not only communicate with other people and across cultures but also to understand those cultures... it's supposed to be a fun night to come out and also experience the cross-language community that exists on campus, not only within your own language but also across all 11 languages," Ferrara said.

Ferrara also shared more about the role of the Language Council at the University as a whole.

"Through our work we help promote additional language study on campus... essentially our role is to help build global citizens here on campus through languages and humanities," Ferrara said.

The Language Council not only hosts this film festival, but they also promote other events throughout the year. Another event they hold is the International Language Trivia Night that is normally held in the spring, which includes food and prizes for those

who participate.

In addition to these events, last spring the Language Council held a photo contest for International Commons in Coleman Hall.

"We were thinking that it is basically only International Commons in name only and there wasn't really anything in there that made it feel global, so we sponsored a photo contest where students could submit travel photos whether through study abroad or their own personal travel experiences. The student council voted on four photos to be displayed in that room and they are currently there," Ferrara said.

The Language Council offers opportunities for students to get involved on campus and learn more about the different cultures around the world. Through these events, University students are given the opportunity to break out of the "bubble" on campus and immerse themselves in new languages and cultures.

Chi Phi Fraternity renames chapter house in honor of alumnus and donor Tom Deans

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At 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2 during the University's Homecoming Weekend, the Chi Phi fraternity's chapter house located on Fraternity Road was renamed after former member, current alumni and donor Thomas R. Deans during a private ceremony at the chapter house. Following the ceremony was a luncheon and a formal banquet in the evening.

Many other alumni of the Phi Lambda Theta chapter of Chi Phi as well as members of the larger, national Chi Phi Fraternity came to the University to attend these events and honor Tom Deans. The luncheon included a performance by a band made up of current Chi Phi Brothers, including Sam White '22, Sam Warren '22 and Jesse Barbera '22. The banquet was held at the Lewisburg Hotel, located downtown on Market Street, where current Chi Phi members and friends, alumni, members of the larger fraternity and Tom Deans and his wife were present. Many alumni shared personal stories about how Deans impacted their experience within the fraternity during their time at the University, followed by a speech from current Chi Phi president Ben Snook '22 and Tom Deans himself.

Tom Deans has been a beloved member of the Uni-

versity community and the Phi Lambda Theta chapter of Chi Phi since his time at the University. Deans graduated in 1955 as secretary of the fraternity. Not only did he make a significant impact on the brotherhood during his time in the fraternity, but he continued to do so for many years to come. Deans has now been involved for over six decades with terms as president, vice president, and alumni advisor for the last 40 years.

Along with his involvement in the fraternity, Deans has served as a very involved member of many communities. After graduating from his undergraduate years at the University, he went on to receive his master's degree in American Studies and Black Studies at the University of Iowa. Deans taught English in Milton, Mifflinburg and Great Neck South, Long Island, N.Y. He also worked as a grant writer for Geisinger Medical Center with a goal of reaching out to serve rural areas.

For many years Deans owned Thomas R. Deans & Associates, planning and preservation consultancy. He was an investor and organizer for downtown revitalization in Milton. Deans also started the statewide Pennsylvania Preservation Organization and created the Bloomsburg Revitalization strategy and manual for improvement. He was then president of North Central Pennsylvania Historical As-

sociation for ten years. He also coached Little League for six years.

Deans was also one of the founders of the Friends of Milton State Park and their president for 10 years. He put together a local investment group, Milton Downtown Investors, to help buy and restore older downtown historic buildings. In addition, Deans owned and managed Restoration Design, which specialized in the actual painting and restoration of regional buildings for almost 10 years.

Founded in 1924, Phi Lambda Delta was a local fraternity. After WWII, Phi Lambda Delta was the first inter-racial non-sectarian fraternity at both the University and one of the first in the United States. Deans has been a leader in the field of diversity and inclusion. As reported in a press release from a freelance writer, Cindy O. Herman, "In 1984, after an extensive search spearheaded by Deans to find a national fraternity that would agree to PLT's ideals of inter-racialism, non-sectarianism, and a policy of no hazing, a very successful affiliation with the Chi Phi National was achieved. Deans has been active in leadership of National Chi Phi for 25 years, including two terms as vice president and 10 years as chairman of the Accreditation Committee."

Herman's press release continued with the follow-

ing quote from Deans. "You have to understand that our fraternity is unique in that we aspire to be a melting pot," Deans said, pointing out how, after WWII a small group, including Jewish, Black and white men, "decided they wanted to create a new fraternity based on equality for all men. And there would be no hazing. Those were big steps then."

Members of the University community were delighted to welcome Deans back to campus for the Chapter House renaming ceremony after all his hard work and dedication to the Chi Phi organization and the overall community.

Snook was happy with the turnout of the house renaming event. "This weekend was a truly special event for all members and friends of Phi Lambda Theta, past, present and future. We were humbled to honor our Alumni Advisor, Thomas R. Deans, for his 65 years of relentless service by renaming our chapter house after him. Tom has dedicated so much of his life to ensuring our success and will be forever grateful for it. The passion and excitement of our alumni was evident by the remarkable turnout," Snook said.

Snook continued, "Former brothers from decades past came back, and gave the active chapter a whole new perspective on how impactful Phi Lambda Theta can be."



THOMAS R. DEANS AND GAIL DEANS
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New University club creates professional network for women

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One of the University's newest clubs, The Women's Network (TWN), strives to bring career development and a strong female network to campus.

Founded over the summer, TWN hosted their first meeting on Oct. 4. This chapter joins nearly 150 others at college campuses across the United States and Canada.

TWN was started at Syracuse University in 2017 and has since expanded to the large organization it is today. They seek to empower women by recognizing the barriers to their success in the workforce and helping women gain the skills and opportunities necessary to break them down.

"At [the University], I feel like we really lack a women's based organization. Like we have the major-based ones like the Engineering Society for Women, but I feel like we need something that's for everybody," President Megan Lutz '22 said. "Any non-male identifying individual is who we're open to. We wanted to create a safe space for those people."

The University's TWN plans on holding professional development events such as resume-building or LinkedIn workshops,

lectures from speakers and different networking and bonding events. They place a large emphasis on building a supportive community for women. For example, their first meeting was an introductory speed-dating event. They also have plans for doing more relaxed events such as a hot cocoa social. Lutz added that the club plans on doing at least one DE&I event per semester.

"We want to do something with diversity because that is something [the University] really lacks, just having that diverse presence on campus. We want to be able to really push that to the forefront as well," Lutz said.

Because the University's chapter of TWN is part of a larger national organization, the planning process for the executive board looked a little different than for other clubs on campus this year.

Applicants for the executive board had to interview with the CEO and founder, Jamie Vinick. They also needed to attend training sessions on effectively running a TWN chapter and general leadership skills.

"What was amazing about going to these trainings was connecting with other vice presidents and presidents of chapters throughout the country and getting tips and tricks

from them on how to run successful chapters," Vice President Grace Hauer '24 said. "I truly knew this was an awesome organization when so many other women were reaching out to me and offering their support and help without me having to even ask!"

Similarly, University TWN members have the opportunity to attend nationwide events to expand their network to both 30,000+ peers and featured female leaders across the country. On top of these events, national TWN also has a blog, a Slack channel, an upcoming magazine project, a mentorship program, interest groups and a podcast called "Redefining Ambition," in which they highlight female leaders and their personal experiences in various professional industries. The club also receives funding from the national organization.

"Even at our first meeting I could already tell, it's going to be something huge on campus," Lutz said. "And just being able to meet people I think is so important in [the University's] climate. Everyone is very school and work oriented here... but sometimes you need a little bit of a brain break during the week. And I really want [TWN] to be a space where everyone feels comfortable."

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Easy There! Christmas Decorations Already Up Before Halloween

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When it comes to the barrage of holidays at the end of the year, nothing compares to the double whammy of Halloween and Christmas. They're the perfect holidays. However, such enthusiasm often leaves stores confused as to which holiday would grant them more customers.

"It's very confusing," local Spirit Halloween chain owner Laura Winters notes. "I've been doing Halloween since the start of October, but nobody has been here much! Now we're three days in, and I've been putting Christmas hats on all the skulls. People seem to love it!" Laura has been inhabiting the same Spirit Halloween store for seven years. While her craft is explicitly Halloween, the Christmas spirit is more prevalent than ever.

"I only had my Halloween decorations up for most of August, but Christmas is coming up soon," local shop owner Linda Weitwhial reports. "When does it really begin, though? I usually think it starts during November, but I know people get Christmas gifts

as early as July! Maybe the Christmas spirit is year-round!" As Weitwhial attests, Halloween is quickly becoming lost in the transition. Christmas always takes over the last fourth of the year, every year. Maybe this surge in Christmas-related propaganda is because Christmas is the last holiday of the year. Maybe it's because Thanksgiving is a nonentity; where its creation was not simply to mark a famous fall feast between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag tribe, but to mark the end the beginning of the Christmas season. The question must be asked though, who puts up decorations for Thanksgiving?

The answer to this question is that nobody does. It is because of this lack of decorations that many people simply forget about it. That is not to say that they forget about it entirely. Rather, Thanksgiving sneaks up on the unsuspecting populace and it isn't until about two weeks away that people realize. Suddenly, everything is about Thanksgiving: the advertisements, turkeys are everywhere, everyone will be wearing hats with buckles on them and there will be people complain-

ing about how we should just skip Thanksgiving and get on to Christmas. In short, Thanksgiving is the quiet middle child of the holiday trio.

With the weather getting colder, it's time to realize the inevitability of Christmas. In the 21st century, Christmas is one the most important holidays in the world (rivaling Talk like a Pirate Day in the 18th century). People will hang on to the thought of Christmas precisely because there is literally nothing else positive about the onslaught of cold weather. It's just miserable all around. Not only does cold powder fall from the sky and kill everything it touches, but now instead of the sun warming us up naturally, we need to physically take action and do it ourselves if we get cold. Am I not suffering enough from my schoolwork? Now I have to actually put on a sweatshirt to stay warm? What are we coming to! Oh yes, the Christmas season, of course! So when we poke fun at shops decorating for Christmas too soon, we really ought to ask ourselves, "Is there such thing as celebrating Christmas too early?"

YikYak Banned, People Begin Speaking to Each Other in Person Again

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It's no secret that social media has exploded in popularity over the last decade. With media powerhouses such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat and TikTok gaining immense popularity with the American and global public, a relatively new social media platform has taken root especially among college students – YikYak.

YikYak presents the ultimate social media site for the average college student; it allows you to post anonymous messages for people within five miles to see. Users can vent about their roommate's dirty habits, complain about homework and rant about how fall break should be two weeks instead of five days. Essentially, the app offers you to speak your mind without any repercussions. What could go wrong?

Because of its allure, many students at the University have used YikYak. However despite its pros, YikYak has a number of concerning cons. For example, many students have reported taking two and a half hour YikYak breaks instead of doing their 100 page Middle Eastern History reading due the next day. The University, claiming to want to do what is best for its students, has thus banned YikYak for the foreseeable future.

The consequences of "The Big Ban" as people have been calling it, have been very interesting to

observe. Students who once had the comfort of communicating through their phones now have to face the biggest challenge of their lives: talking to people face to face. Many students have reported having difficulty in this regard, as many have claimed that they do not remember life before YikYak, a time when people had to use their mouths to communicate. For many, that feels like a lifetime ago.

The transition to a YikYak-free lifestyle has been challenging for many. Students now have to ask themselves a myriad of questions that did not exist before The Big Ban, such as, "How do I express what I think about things now that it's not anonymous?" and "How do I know that people like me without getting any upvotes?"

Students should know that they need not be alone during a time like this. There are numerous resources here at the University that are designed to help those who might feel alone in a time like this. For example, the Linguistics Department has advertised "talking lessons" for those that no longer remember how to speak words with their mouths.

Just remember, there are always solutions to your problems. Reach out to those you love, particularly those who have also had trouble adjusting to The Big Ban; but just be sure to text them so they don't have to speak.

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So we're reaching the point in the semester where everyone has been out and about enough to know who they like, who their casual hookups are, who they want to hookup with and who to avoid at all costs. And we've all been there. Whether the guy was a horrible kisser, kept leaving the room every five minutes to vomit, or peed in your bed after you reluctantly agreed to let him sleepover, we have all gotten with someone that we will never, EVER, under ANY circumstances, get with again. Whether you ghosted him, or polite-

ly said that you didn't see things going any further, you were able to cut contact and move on with your life. All is well. Until one day you see that little blue square come up on Snapchat with his name next to it. You do a double take. "I thought I got the point across to this man that I never want to be contacted by him again," you think to yourself. You do the half-swipe to check what the message says without him knowing you read it, and witness to your cosmic horror the words "date party?"

Now you have a predicament on your hands. There is a course of action that has to be deter-

mined and taken. Do you just never answer? Answer but politely decline? Make fun of him on YikYak for asking? Swallow your pride and be his date? The possibilities of how to handle such a situation are endless.

You decide to take the nice route and be his date. How bad can it be, right? You can go have fun with people and hey, maybe you'll be able to get with one of his friends instead. As long as you can avoid being alone with this dude for more than 35 seconds at a time so you don't have to make awkward conversation, you should be fine.

Two days later and

you find yourself at the date party... and you're actually having a good time? He apologized for his flatulence problem (apparently he forgot he was lactose intolerant the night we hooked up, which sounds like cap, but whatever) and for leaving massive hickies on your neck that could be done by nothing other than a vacuum the night before you visited with your parents. The two of you were able to laugh it off and actually ended up having a really good time at the date party. In fact, by the end of the night, he ended up no longer being "the guy you hooked up with just once."

POV: The Guy That You Hooked Up With Once Just Asked You To His Date Party

University Fashion Week Features Staggeringly Different Takes on Day Drinking 'Fits

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With the semester kicking into full gear, it's natural that social activities would be doing just the same. The constancy of day-and-night partying, and the continuation of rare warm fall weather, heralds the appearance of the student body's best drinking outfits. Day life and nightlife call for different apparel, as everyone knows they are two very different events; however, while night looks tend to be fairly cohesive between the ladies and gentlemen of the party scene, the day drinking outfits students wear have proven to be a rather different story.

Girls here at the University seem to be holding onto

summer for as long as they can, still wearing the most recent warm weather trends for as long as is physically possible. Many have been seen sporting the popular Princess Polly dresses and tops, pastel colors and flower patterns on puffy sleeves and short skirts, all while trying not to spill their drinks on those beautiful (and overpriced) outfits. Pair them with practical sandals or a nice heeled boot and you get a modern take on those beloved Free People looks that we can't get enough of. In the end, the shoes don't matter as much as the dresses, since the former will get ditched the longer the day goes on anyway.

Moving onto the boys... while the looks are solid, there is a lack of "pizzazz"

compared to the girls. We frankly aren't amazed with the fashion the boys tend to model - it's the same as what they wear any other time of the year. The pants are of three varieties: chinos, basketball shorts, or jeans (that being said, I am happy to report that it seems jorts are appearing with increasing frequency). And even though most opt for jerseys, Hawaiian shirts, hoodies, or no shirt at all, there is a bit more variety in the upperwear department. One group of what we can only assume are theater or goth kids, for instance, have been seen wearing lovely Victorian ensembles. The shoes continue to lack luster with sneakers, crocs, and loafers (yes, even while wearing the aforementioned pieces) being,

naturally, the most popular options.

With October swiftly approaching, we can only hope that these partygoers will get more creative with their looks, but chances are slim when; it's very likely, after all, that they all own the same cable knit sweaters and University hoodies for when the time comes. But we hold onto hope, just like student Reene Burger does when she told us that she "had to change looks halfway through a party" when she found out five other girls were wearing the same dress as her. Sources say the other girls did the same, and three of them ended up in the same secondary outfit anyway. So maybe we shouldn't have so much hope.

Girl With "Be Kind" in Instagram Bio Launches Heinous Diatribe



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Our beloved Kim Jonston has been caught in a firestorm after a recent Instagram live comment ignited controversy among friends and colleagues. For those that do not know who Kim Jonston is (which many of you don't, but I surprisingly do), you will probably know her through her Instagram account "kimmyjonston13," whose bio famously admonishes the visitor to "be kind", but in decidedly loopier font that required an online tool to create. Witness accounts confirm that, in fact, she's really not like other girls.

If you still can't identify who kimmyjonston13 is, she is that one girl that would repost her recent Instagram

post and put a sticker that says "LMR" over her face, in which everyone must tap on as they are eager to see what kimmyjonston13 looks like. She is the girl who would share an awareness post for a social movement like Black Lives Matter about once a day, following up with an endless amount of posts of Chris Evans in his white cable knit sweater from the film "Knives Out" and writing endless paragraphs about how much she loves him. Either way, you should be able to distinguish who Kim Jonston is.

Jonston13 has been the subject of particular ire for her comment in her recent Instagram live. In this Instagram live, she and her friend were doing their makeup while talking about their boy problems and such other things like Chris Evans. However in this talk, her friend said that

she does not like Chris Evans. GASP. That set off the trigger within Kim - "You wouldn't get Chris Evans anyway cause you're cross-eyed." So much for "be kind."

After making that comment, Kim received backlash from two of her 2000 followers, prompting a 'statement of recognition' on Instagram live the next day. Wearing an oversized sweatshirt, no makeup on, hair in a messy bun, Kim was sitting in the corner of her lavish room. She said something along the lines of, "I understand the hardships of..." and "I was just trying to..." while simultaneously wiping away her non-existent tears with a tissue, without uttering a single apology.

As Kim danced around her apology, we're just glad she's not making fun of our dancing.

Common Interest, Community-based Living

What is Affinity Housing?

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Finding a place to live on campus is always a source of stress and difficulty. Like clockwork, students agonize over their lottery numbers, finding roommates and registering for housing every year. At college, students are encouraged to grow and become independent, and it tends not to help when you're 20 years old but still living in a dorm hall. However, this is when living in a house has its benefits.

Over the last decade or so, Affinity Houses have been established on a majority of college campuses. They offer a separate space that focuses on common interests among University students. These houses that scatter campus foster unique and fun living-learning

communities. Affinity Houses provide a dual benefit of being close to campus while also providing an escape from campus life. The beauty of these housing options is the way they promote independence while also having a tight-knit support system.

I, myself, live in Sunnyside this year. Sunnyside is focused on providing a space for high achieving women to support and motivate one another. After a long day or week of monotonous classwork and stress-inducing assignments, it is nice to come back to a warm, welcoming home. When I pass anyone on the stairs or in the hall, I am always kindly greeted, and conversations tend to spark. If I am lucky, there will even be treats on the kitchen counter free for the taking. Every Tuesday, a group of housemates and I get

together to watch "Bachelor in Paradise." It has become a weekly tradition, and we are always willing to expand the Bachelor Nation! It is those little things that make a community like Sunnyside so special.

On another note, I would like to mention how some houses focus on marginalized communities. The Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to discriminate against tenants based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability and family status. That being said, it is essential to know that houses like Seventh Street, Fran's, Sunnyside and the International house are safe spaces where students who identify with each house's individual theme may choose to stay. That does not mean only students who identify with the theme can live there. It cannot

be stressed enough how these communities are vital to a diverse representation of campus life, in which all students feel safe. It is also nice to know that all members of campus can find a safe space. There are so many other groups on campus that still need a place for themselves. That is why we must continue to encourage such communities on our campus.

If you are interested in applying for Affinity Housing, please make sure to check it out on the Bucknell Housing Services Website. It is a great way to meet like-minded people and live semi-independently. You even get to surpass that nerve-racking housing lottery system. Also, if you have an idea for another Affinity House, University housing services can accommodate your interests.

Current University Affinity Houses include:

7th Street House—Umoja Umoja means "unity." "Our mission is to convene Black people and other people of color in order to create an environment where minority students feel welcomed and comfortable on Bucknell's campus."

51 Strohecker Farm Lane (Quest)—"Quest is a place for people who play video games. The house represents Bucknell's esports community, including those who play competitively and those who play casually."

400 St. George St. (Entrepreneurship & Innovation)—"The mission of the Entrepreneurship & Innovation Affinity House is to foster intellectual growth, collaboration and creative thinking. We strive to establish the mindset that we can positively impact the world around us through entrepreneurship and innovation."

Corner House (International)—"The International Affinity House promotes the international community on campus by engaging the wider Bucknell community in global and cultural activities. We strive to create an inclusive space that celebrates culture and diversity on campus."

Fran's House—"Fran's House, named after the late director of the LGBT Office, Fran McDaniel, provides Bucknell University with LGBTQ+-friendly, gender-neutral housing. The house serves as a safe place for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies at all times and as a sponsor of events to enrich the lives of LGBTQ+ individuals and allies on campus."

Hulley House (C.A.L.V.I.N. & H.O.B.B.E.S)—"C.A.L.V.I.N. & H.O.B.B.E.S is a strictly substance-free house dedicated to providing a fun, safe environment for students to live and socialize. We partner with the club on campus with the same name, which has promoted substance-free fun for more than 25 years."

23 University Ave.—The Ticket Booth—"The Ticket Booth is a friendly and judgment-free environment where people feel comfortable expressing their opinions on pop culture topics. We will cultivate diverse and informative conversations that will allow our affinity members to build understanding relationships and strong friendships with each other."

64 University Ave.—The Outhouse—"At the Outhouse, we promote outdoor recreational activities and explore our shared love for the outdoors. Our goal is to promote environmental awareness and help the larger University community explore and appreciate the outdoors."

Carey House—Bohemia—"The mission of the Bohemia Affinity House is to foster a diverse and interdisciplinary artistic community by establishing a residential space in which students can collaborate. Our house merges diverse artistic perspectives in ways that energize and rejuvenate the arts, academic and social scene at Bucknell."

Edwards House—Bed & Breakfast—"Bucknell's Bed & Breakfast Affinity House is a community of students who enjoy being in the kitchen, whether it's cooking, baking or simply eating with friends. "BnB" will host cooking events where students in our community can share their favorite recipes, teach others and share house meals."

Galloway House—Cap & Dagger—"The Cap & Dagger Affinity House promotes the growth of the arts at Bucknell and provides ongoing support to the Department of Theatre & Dance. We uphold the University's commitment to a liberal arts education by integrating living, learning, service and art all within a safe, empowering and dynamic environment."

Leiser House (Sunnyside)—"Sunnyside fosters a community of leadership, support and empowerment among motivated and high-achieving women on Bucknell's campus. We aim to provide an inclusive hub for positively charged innovation and collaboration to enhance the college experience for all students on campus."

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BISON RALLY FOR A BIG WIN OVER CORNELL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLLEYBALL

VS LOYOLA ON OCT. 9. AT 4PM
VS COLGATE ON OCT. 10 AT 3PM

FIELD HOCKEY

VS CORNELL ON OCT. 10 AT 3PM
VS LEHIGH ON OCT. 16 AT 11AM
VS KENT STATE ON OCT. 17 AT 12PM

WOMEN'S SOCCER

VS LAFAYETTE ON OCT. 9 AT 1PM
VS BOSTON UNIVERSITY ON OCT. 16 AT 2PM

MEN'S SOCCER

VS SYRACUSE ON OCT. 11 7PM

MEN'S GOLF

BUCKNELL INVITATIONAL ON OCT. 10-12

Rylee Donaldson
Contributing Writer

The Orange and Blue come back strong in the fourth quarter to defeat Cornell on Saturday. The Bison played at the Pascucci Family Athletics Complex in front of their home crowd. The 21-10 victory over Cornell was the Bison's first victory on the season.

The Orange and Blue (1-3, 0-0 PL) scored two unanswered touch-

downs in the fourth quarter to put them on top of Cornell (0-3, 0-1 Ivy). This was the homecoming game for the Bison. The Orange and Blue defense forced four key turnovers, two of which were by Jonathan Searcy '23 that stopped the Big Red from converting in the red zone.

Coach Dave Cecchini was very happy with the game and his team. He stated that it

was a great environment with the Homecoming atmosphere and was an awesome game to be involved in. Cecchini said the stadium was electric and was very proud of his team for battling back, gaining the lead and then protecting it. He has noticed some genuine progress in the team and gives his players all of the credit for coming out with the win.

Quarterback Nick

Semtimphelter '24 conducted the Orange and Blue's final scoring drive, which consisted of 10 plays covering 78 yards. The drive was capped by a touchdown throw to Christian Spugnardi '25.

The turnovers that the Bison defense forced put their offense in great field positions throughout the game. Searcy had two massive turnovers near the goal line to stop

the Big Red from coming back. Coach Cecchini was proud of the defensive performance and said that this is what the team has been needing.

Coach Cecchini feels that this win will give the team a little bit more confidence and maybe even a little bit more swagger. This is the first step for the young Orange and Blue team who is still building to become a championship-

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Women's Soccer tied for top slot

Holly Burns
Sports Co-Editor

This past Sunday Oct. 3, the Bison women's soccer team picked up another huge three points on the road against the Holy Cross Crusaders. The Orange and Blue are now tied for first place at the top of the league with Boston University. The Bison were really happy to earn a win and a clean sheet, following two tough games against Colgate and Princeton.

During the first half, the Bison and Crusaders went back and forth, each team earning a number of chances. Hannah Stuck '24 came off the bench really strong for the Orange and Blue, adding a few quality shots during the first half of play. Claire Mensi '22 also had a number of good chances off of corner kicks. Despite several close opportunities, neither team was able to convert during the first 45 minutes of play, heading into halftime 0-0.

Five minutes into the second 45 of play, the Crusaders gave up a penalty kick, follow-

ing a hand ball in the box. Mensi buried the PK in the bottom right corner, giving the Bison a 1-0 lead in the second half. This is Mensi's second successful PK of the season.

A few minutes later in the 60th minute, Rylee Donaldson '23 collected her team-leading and league-leading seventh goal of the season. Kellar Gelman '24 sent a through ball down the right flank, which Donaldson ran on to for a clinical finish.

Forward Kalli Wethern '25 almost added a third goal on the day, but was called a close offsides after finishing the ball in the net.

Holy Cross had a number of good chances throughout the second half, but Bison goalkeeper Jenna Hall '24 and the rest of the defense were rock solid to preserve the shutout. Outside back Leanne Engemann '23 added a save off the goal line to keep the clean sheet.

Midfielder Teresa Deda '25 also had a

notable performance on the day, earning herself Patriot League Weekly Honors as Midfielder of the Week.

"We were really happy with the team's win on Sunday. Holy Cross came out strong, but we knew what we had to do to get the 3 points at the end of the day. Everyone on the field did their part from our forwards all the way back to our goalkeeper. I was very excited to have contributed to the score sheet this weekend, but I couldn't have done it without the work of our attackers," Mensi said. She continued that "it was a true collective team win, and it ultimately put us in a great place moving forward into Lafayette this weekend. Being tied for the top seat right now is very rewarding after all the work that we have put in so far, but we have a long way to go before this season is over. I'm really excited for what this team is going to do in the coming weeks. We're not finished yet."

Bison fall short on the road

Charlotte Dursee
Contributing Writer

The Bison field hockey team experienced their first Patriot League loss of the season this Saturday against the 25th-ranked American University. The Bison lost on the road to American in a close contest that finished 3-2. The loss moves the Orange and Blue to 6-4 (2-1) on the season.

American jumped out to a 3-0 lead after scoring in the 42nd minute. The Bison were able to chip away at the lead less than four minutes later, to make the score 3-1 going into the fourth quarter. Unfortunately the Bison were not able to find the back of the net again until 34 seconds left in the game. This proved to be too little time for the Orange and Blue to try to find an equalizing goal as the game ended 3-2.

Mackenzie Kile '23 and Emily Doyle '22 scored the two goals while rookie Lily Neilson '25 led the Bison in shots. Moreover, the Bison held an 8-6 edge in penalty corners showing their attacking prowess. American did lead the game 12-9 in shots, but it was a slim advantage.

"It was a really exciting game and our team put up a really good fight against American. Even though we lost, we realized where we needed to improve on our offense and defense," Doyle said.

The first quarter saw two penalty corner opportunities from the Orange and Blue but unfortunately were unable to convert those chances to goals. In the second quarter, American had momentum totaling six shots and seeing all three corners. The first came after three minutes into the quarter from American's Gaby DeKock who was assisted by fifth-year senior Noor Coenen. American struck again roughly five minutes later off of another corner. Clara McCormick '23 made the initial save, however, American's Josie Formica intercepted the clearance and scored unassisted. This put the Bison in a 2-0 deficit heading into halftime.

The Orange and Blue started the second half with great pressure, outshooting American 4-3 in the third quarter. Despite the Bison efforts, American's Coenen slotted a ball through traffic to score with 3:43 left in the quarter.

"The whole team is excited to play American again, hopefully in the Patriot League Tournament, so that we have another chance to pull through with a win against them," Kile said.

The Bison will be traveling to number two ranked Penn State on Oct. 9 for their next match. The game is set to start at 2 p.m.

Orange and Blue have competitive weekend at the Navy Invitational

Hannah Stuck
Contributing Writer

On Saturday Oct. 1, the Bison's women's golf team shot 328 on day one of the Navy Invitational. The team was sitting at 10th place ending day one of competition.

Tara Thomas '25 shot the best for the Orange and Blue on Saturday, shooting an 81 and getting a birdie. Sun Woo Jeon '22 and Cristina Canales '24 also shot very well for the Bison, both getting 82 on the first day of play.

Sahana Paravantavida '23 shot 83, and Kayla Yi '24 shot 88, but ended up being discarded by the Bison.

Tatum McKelvey '23 shot an 83 as an individual on day one of competition.

"The weather was so much better than last time we competed at the Naval

Academy golf course! We were also excited to have the opportunity to compete there again and show what we've been working on every day at practice" McKelvey said.

The top five teams leading out Saturday's play are Richmond, Sacred Heart, Delaware State, Fairleigh Dickinson and Navy.

The Orange and the Blue finished off their weekend play in ninth place, moving up one spot since the previous day.

The Bison shot 326 on Sunday, which is two better than their previous day's score. Thomas shot the lowest for the Bison again on day two of the Navy Invitational, shooting a 77.

The Orange and Blue passed Wagner in the final standings, going from 10th to ninth place.

Richmond and Sacred Heart tied for first place in the competition, both shooting 607 in the combined two days of play. Navy finished in third place, with Delaware State and Monmouth both tying for fourth place.

Canales shot 82, Jeon shot 83, Paravantavida shot 84, all counting in the Bison's scores on Sunday. Canales parred her last eight holes of the day.

"Although our scores didn't come together as we had hoped, we all learned more about the course and are looking forward to competing there at the Patriot League Championship this spring!" McKelvey said about the competition.

The Orange and Blue have one more fall tournament on Oct. 16-17 at the Rehoboth Beach Country Club.

Bison Volleyball falls short in back-to-back home matches

Brooke Tracey
Contributing Writer

The Bison volleyball team spent the weekend at home, hosting Navy on Oct. 1 and American University on Oct. 2 in Davis Gym. In two hard-fought match ups, the Bison came up short of victory, going 0-2 on the weekend. The Orange and Blue now sit at 1-5 in the Patriot League.

On Friday, the Bison battled the Navy Midshipmen in a three-set match. Navy came out flying in the first set, beating the Bison by the largest margin of the night with a 25-15 victory. While the Bison converted back-to-back points on three separate runs, that was the most they were able to do in the first set. The Orange and Blue came out much stronger in the second set. While initially trailing Navy 21-15, a service ace by Lisa Zoch '23 put the Bison within one point of the Mids at 21-20. Navy eventually pulled away, ending the set on a 4-1 run. Even in the third match, the Bison struggled to catch up to the Mids, with the closest score being 13-9 Navy. The Mids

would go on to win the third set 25-16, leaving Lewisburg with a 3-0 victory against the Bison.

Despite the loss, there were many notable performances by the Orange and Blue. Sophomore setter Sarah Ramirez led the team with 26 assists on the night, while rookie libero Jordan Hardy '25 led the team in digs, totaling 11. Valentina Feigl '24 also ended the night with a .400 hitting percentage.

Less than 24 hours later, the Bison returned to Davis Gym on Saturday afternoon to take on American. After facing defeat the previous night, the Bison came out fired up, leading American 22-21. After back-to-back team errors, the score was evened to 25-25, but an American point and Bison error led American to victory in the first set. The next second was just as close, with American pulling away with a 25-23 victory. While the Bison held a .343 hitting percentage, they could not manage to gain an edge over American. The set was tied at 19-19, with points going back and forth until American put two points away,

ending the second set. The Bison came out strong in the third set, holding a 4-0 lead, but could not keep up with American, letting them pull away with their largest victory of the night. The third set ended in a 25-16 American victory, closing out the night on a 3-0 defeat.

Key performances for the Orange and Blue included a high of 12 kills by Catherine Jamison '24 followed by Zoch with nine kills and Libby Nieporte '24 with eight. Ramirez tallied a match-high of 37 assists, while Valentina Feigl '24 added five block assists.

When asked about the two results, Allie Lopez '24 said "this weekend showed that [they're] just going to keep getting better — and although it wasn't the results [they] wanted, [they] still didn't go down without a fight."

The Bison will look to bounce back next weekend, with two more home match-ups slated in Davis Gym. The Orange and Blue will first face off against Loyola (Md.) on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 4 p.m., followed by Colgate on Sunday, Oct. 10 at 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL

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caliber football team. Cecchini believed that the team could get there if they continued to work very hard.

Captain Dom Lyles '22 explained how proud he was of the team and their win. "[We] went out there and played for each other,

and made the big plays when they were needed most. It was a hard-fought, great team win and with our team being such a young team, each of our wins will only increase our team's confidence. Proud of my team, and we are going to try to ride this momentum

going into Lafayette this weekend," Lyles said.

The Bison are heading on the road to Easton, Pennsylvania to face the Lafayette Leopards this Saturday, Oct. 9. They look to grab another win, but this time in Patriot League play.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Nick Semptimphelter '24



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FOOTBALL PROFILE

HOMETOWN: FRANKLIN, TENN.

HIGH SCHOOL: BATTLE GROUND ACADEMY

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Senior Writer

The Bison football team earned their first victory of the season this past homecoming weekend over Cornell, and the Bison quarterback, Nick Semptimphelter '24 was a very large contributor. The sophomore accomplished his first touchdown pass to teammate Christian Spugnardi '25, as well as three consecutive passes for first downs. Semptimphelter finished the game with a 66.7 percent passing percentage and accomplished 85 passing yards. The final score of the matchup was 21-10.

During the short-lived spring 2021 season, Semptimphelter got playing time in two of the four games, and has really stepped into a crucial role for the Bison in this current fall season.

Football has always been a big part of the Semptimphelter's life. "My dad played

professional football, so ever since I was young I knew I wanted to play football at a high level. Having him as a role model was very influential in my career, and he has helped me all throughout my career," Semptimphelter said. Not only did his father play professionally, but in college, he played for Patriot League competitor, Lehigh University, where he led the team to its first Patriot League Championship.

With younger, underclassmen players (like Semptimphelter) playing in such key roles and contributing to the Bison's success, suggests only high hopes for the future of the program. Semptimphelter speaks on this, as well as his appreciation for the seniors that are so important to the program. "Throughout the many practices, workouts and meetings, I believe our team has created a very special bond. That bond was

on display last Saturday against Cornell. We are a young team, so the role this senior class has played in being leaders for the younger players has been very important to our success," Semptimphelter said.

The quarterback and the Orange and Blue will compete again this upcoming Saturday at Lafayette in their opening game of Patriot League play.

CAREER STATS

5 GAMES PLAYED
21 COMPLETED
PASSES
153 PASSING
YARDS
1 PASSING TDS

Bison Tennis gain experience in Ohio

Holly Burns
Sports Co-Editor

This past weekend, Oct. 2, the Bucknell women's tennis team traveled to Ohio to take on Youngstown State and host Toledo at the Rocket Invite at the UT Varsity Tennis Courts.

At gold singles, Laurel Utterback '24 took a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Youngstown State's Maria Oliveira. "For me, ending the tournament with a win was a really great feeling. I hadn't been playing my best in my earlier matches so coming out strong on the last day of competi-

tion was really reassuring in terms of confidence and going into the offseason with a positive attitude," said Laurel Utterback.

Senior Captain Daniela Bellini '22 and freshman Whitney King '25 suffered their first doubles loss of the season falling to Toledo. In return they beat Youngstown State's Julia Marko and Lili Minich with an impressive score of 6-0, having them leave the weekend with an impressive 8-1 this fall.

"Overall, this tournament was definitely a great learning experience. In the week leading up to our com-

petition, many of us had to recover from some sickness and it's very difficult to go from missing class and practice because you're sick to just immediately playing in three tough matches a day. However, the closeness of our team really helped us to persevere and compete to the best of our abilities," stated Utterback.

The Rocket Invite was the last competition the Bison will see in the fall. They will return in January hosting Villanova for their first dual match on Saturday, Jan. 22.

BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

New England Homecoming

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While it may have felt like a regular Sunday for the rest of the world, for New England it was an emotional one. On Oct. 3, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers faced off against the New England Patriots at Gillette Stadium, bringing esteemed quarterback Tom Brady along with them.

In March of 2020, Tom Brady left the Patriots after a 20 year tenure of being their beloved quarterback. During his time at New England, Brady was able to help the team secure six Super Bowl titles, as well as personally earning league records for regular-season touchdown passes, game-winning

drives, postseason passing touchdowns, and quarterback wins, along with several others. Nobody could say that his career at New England wasn't successful.

Brady was picked up by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the spring, starting off his first season with a team that wasn't the Patriots since his debut in the NFL in 2000. A testament to the team and Brady's skill, they pumped out a winning season, finishing second in the NFC South. Even more impressive was the team's Super Bowl win in early 2021, securing the seventh ring on Brady's finger, and completing his first season with his

new team.

All this is to say that this past Sunday proved heavy to the New Englanders. The quarterback had to study his old team and his old teammates as the opponents, especially since he knew they were doing the exact same thing. The crowd refused to silence themselves the whole game, occasionally chanting Brady's name despite him playing for the other team.

But Brady did not waver, his coaches and teammates describing him as normal, maybe even too normal. Brady even managed to usurp Drew Brees' record for all-time passing yardage, adding another re-

cord to his already extensive list, but did not leave much room to celebrate on the field as his head was in the game.

The two teams played a tight game until the very end, with Buccaneers up 13-7 late in the third quarter, only for the Patriots to secure a 17-16 lead with around four minutes left. A field goal in the last minutes of the game put the score at 19-17 in Tampa Bay's favor, where it would stay until the clock ran out.

The game ended in a Buccaneers win, leaving perhaps a bitter taste in the mouth of the Patriots and the rest of New England, but also a sense of closure for

the players and viewers who were sad to see him go. Brady smiled and hugged his former teammates and even his old coach Bill Belichick, who he hadn't seen face to face in over 18 months. Belichick coached the quarterback throughout his entire career at the Patriots, so the reunion was a highly anticipated one. The two were able to catch up in the locker room after the game, much to the satisfaction of some fans and the media.

The game put the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at a record of 3-1, showing a successful start for Brady and the rest of the team in hopes for the remainder of the season.

And despite the score on the board, this game did more than just change a record. The emotions of this game provided something new, a chance for justice and closure. The two teams battled, and whilst one team may have won, a large group of fans were happy no matter what. This homecoming game for the New Englanders did not fail to live up to its hype, providing a thrill of entertainment and emotions for all its viewers. While the teams and fans will continue to play and root for their favorite teams, this night will be one many of them will not forget.



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Cross Country posts results at Paul Short Run

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Samuel Whittaker '23 (89th, 24:42.8) was the Bison's top finisher at the highly-regarded and competitive Paul Short Run on Friday morning. Whittaker, who earned All-Patriot League recognition for the first time in the spring, was the Bison's only finisher in the top 100 in the Gold race's field of 357 competitors.

The Bison finished 22nd as a team (653) in the field of 40. Michael Donnelly '24 (140th, 25:05.1) was next for the Bison, followed by Ryan Miele '22 (147th, 25:07.3). Owen Chase

'22 (167th, 25:17.1) and Harry Marson '25 (170th, 25:18.2) rounded out the Bison's scoring runners on the day.

Several Bison also competed in the open race earlier on Friday morning. Bobby Lynam '25 was the Bison's top finisher in the field of 380.

On the women's side, Ashlyn Ramos '22 led the Bison at the Paul Short Run, finishing 20th in a field of 341 competitors in the highly-regarded competition. Ramos, who is the defending Patriot League Champion, finished in a time of 20:35.4, and was the third-fastest Patriot

League competitor in the Gold race. The Bison finished 25th overall as a team (657) in the field of 38.

"Paul Short was our first big cross country meet in a very long time and we struggled a little bit as a team, but it's still very early in the season. The experience was invaluable and it was still a step in the right direction fitness-wise for the team as a whole" Ramos said.

The Bison will head to Florida State on Oct. 16 for the FSU Invite/Pre-Nationals. Several Bison will also head to the Leopard invitational the same weekend.

Bison men's soccer have trio of overtime contests

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Contributing Writer

The Bison men's soccer team finished the week with a win, a loss and a draw. The boys were able to bring home a win after beating Lehigh University 1-0 in overtime. However, the Orange and Blue suffered a 2-1 overtime loss to American University at home. They also drew 1-1 on the road at Binghamton. The Bison will now continue their season with an overall record of 3-6-2.

Friday night the Orange and Blue fought tooth and nail for the entire 90 minutes of regulation play. Both teams were unable to get the ball in the back of the net, leaving both teams scoreless as they headed into overtime. The Bison were able to get eight shots off during regulation play. The defensive line is what kept the Bison in the game, as they only let Lehigh get seven shots off before overtime.

At around the 94th-minute mark, Patrick O'Hara '22 crossed the ball into the top of the box where it found Eddie Perez-Pelaez '23. Perez headed the ball off to Jordan Miller '24, who controlled the ball off his chest and knocked it past Lehigh's keeper. Miller's golden goal sealed the deal and brought home the team's first Patriot League win. This was Miller's sixth goal of the season, making him the leading goal scorer in the league.

Heading into overtime, Colin Eifert '22 explained that Orange and Blue followed their

game plan to a tee, ultimately earning them the victory. "We started off slowly, lacking quality in some areas, but we just continued fighting throughout the remainder of the game. We ended up going into overtime, and we all shared the same end goal: bombard their box and put the ball in the net, which is exactly what we did" Eifert said.

Two days later, the Bison hosted the American University Eagles, who hold a record of 4-3-2, at Emmitt Field at Holmes Stadium. The Orange and Blue put forth a solid effort in regulation play. Within the first ten minutes of play, American was able to score and put themselves up 1-0. The score remained the same heading into the second half.

Center defender Gabe Dahlin '25 scored his first collegiate goal for the Bison off of a long throw-in from partnering center defender Eifert. Dahlin headed the ball down, found the loose ball and placed the ball in the back of the net with his left foot tying the game at 1-1. Once again, the Bison found themselves heading into golden goal territory. While the Orange and Blue had multiple opportunities to score, they were unable to execute and the Eagles ended up closing the game in the 97th minute. Despite the loss, the Bison put up impressive stats, for example, goalkeeper Bennett Schwartz '23 ended with six saves and the Bison finished with eight

shots on goal.

"Moving forward I'd say it's just about sticking to the game plan and implementing what we do in practice into our games. It's all about working together - competing as one unit - and being able to exploit the weaknesses of the opposing team" Eifert said.

Alex Clarke '22 had a similar sentiment. "We have learned that games are close; one goal has defined the winner/loser every time so we weren't far off. For future games we just have to have the all in mentality, and do our best to think calmly under pressure" Clarke said.

In their final contest of the game week, the Bison drew 1-1 on the road in Vestal, New York against Binghamton. The game was tightly contested throughout. Binghamton found the back of the net in the 19th minute. However, the Bison kept pushing to find an equalizer and ultimately did in the 87th minute. Sebastian Paz '24 scored on a volley following a long throw from Jack Roberto '25. The game went into overtime, the third straight contest to do so for the Bison. Neither team was able to find even a shot on goal in the overtime and the game ended in a draw. Schwartz had another strong game in net making three saves.

The Bison will play next at Colgate for a Patriot League match on Oct. 9 at 4 p.m. where they look to improve their record and bounce back to reach .500 in the Patriot League.

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Splinters for sustainability?

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Excited to come back to campus in late August, many students and staff were surprised when they walked to the condiment station to grab a utensil in the Bison. Not only were students shocked, but many laughed at the wooden utensils that sat before them. The black, plastic utensils that students and staff used every day in recent memory were gone. Many students on campus first assumed that the wooden utensils were just for temporary use. Maybe campus was low on utensils at the time? Could there be a shortage of plastic utensils nationwide? Unfortunately, this was not a temporary change. Now in October, students and staff continue to use wooden utensils, and many have complained of splinters stuck in their tongues and having trouble eating meals with the dull instruments.

Although wooden utensils are great and easy to clean after preparing a meal for a group of people, they are extremely unpleasant to use as a utensil while trying to enjoy a meal. As of the 2021-22 school year, the University decided to stop using plastic utensils and focus on a more eco-friendly alternative. Their alternative was the addition of wooden utensils in the Bison. Ac-

cording to those responsible for implementing the wooden utensils, it has been found that they are made from renewable and abundant materials, and they are natural and safe for students to use. How could using wooden utensils be "safe" if students and staff are complaining of finding splinters in their tongues after meals? Upset with the situation, students decided to ask the Bison workers what they thought of the situation, and their answers were surprising. Assuming that the Bison workers are all for the eco-friendly addition of wooden utensils, it was found that they feel the same way as the students. One Bison worker shared that every day, before putting the utensils out for the day, she checks every spoon, fork, and knife for sharp edges of wood that could cause students to have splinters. Not only is this extremely generous of this Bison worker, but she is taking time out of her day to ensure that students do not experience pain after eating meals. The Bison worker continued her discussion on the topic of wooden utensils and showed her secret stash of plastic utensils that she shares with her co-workers. In a cupboard, she has a plastic bag of regular, plastic utensils that she uses for every meal. She refuses to use the wooden utensils as they are unpleasant and hard to eat with.

During this conversation with the Bison worker, it was found that the University is not as eco-friendly as we thought. It was discovered recently that the University may not actually recycle, despite the recycling cans that can be found in every cafeteria or corner of the halls. Due to students dropping their garbage in the recycling bins either accidentally or on purpose, they have found no point in recycling. She explained that the school has made efforts to recycle, but it is almost impossible as recyclables are often denied when brought to the factories. Not only is this shocking, but it is disappointing. The University's decision to transfer from the plastic to wooden utensils is understandable, but it is not practical for everyday life. The inconvenience experienced by students eating at the Bison as a result of the new utensils is proving to outweigh the value of the supposed sustainability efforts the University is claiming to adhere to. They must find better ways to become an eco-friendly environment other than forcing students and staff to use wooden utensils through implementing actual effective change, instead of performative sustainability that has created more problems for students than solutions for the environment.

Olympic teammates fight for their voices to be heard

[CONTENT WARNING: THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT THAT MAY BE UPSETTING TO SOME READERS.]

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Olympic legends Simone Biles, Aly Raisman and McKayla Maroney recently testified against former U.S. Women's Gymnastics team doctor, Larry Nassar. For 18 years, Nassar abused his access to hundreds of young girls in a vulnerable and intimate setting through his role. In the 2015 trial pioneered by Raisman, Nassar was discovered to have sexually assaulted as many as 265 girls. The Olympic physician allegedly brainwashed these young gymnasts into believing instances of sexual harassment were for the better of their bodies and to become better gymnasts. As multiple gymnasts began to speak up about Nassar's abuse, it was later found that USA Gymnastics attempted to cover up these allegations to avoid the ensuing criticism and investigations that were to come. USA Gymnastics has a strong reputation in both the domestic and international gymnastic communities, and the individuals in power within the organization were willing to continue to let these girls suffer and be harmed rather than hold Nassar accountable. The USA Gymnastics system and the FBI investigators wrongfully silenced the survivors of Nassar's abuse.

On Sept. 15, Biles testified in front of the U.S. Senate alongside her teammates to

address the ways in which the FBI failed to bring justice to the survivors. The FBI agents in question did not warrant this case with the attention and level of seriousness it both deserved and needed. Hundreds of girls in the 2012 and 2016 Olympics, and more, were molested by Nassar, yet agents continued to protect the image of both Nassar and USA Gymnastics. This is one of the largest cases of child sex abuse in American history, which took place over the course of 18 years and put hundreds of girls in danger, and yet the FBI provided a mediocre investigation.

Maroney, who was a medalist in the 2012 Olympic games, testified in detail about Nassar's abuse. She notes that Nassar consistently abused her to the point that she was in fear of her life. "I thought I was going to die that night because there was no way that he would let me go", Maroney testified. When Maroney spoke to an FBI agent regarding these harassments, she spoke on the phone for three hours to which the agent responded "is that all?" Maroney also adds that it took 17 months for the FBI to report her abuse, and when they finally got around to doing so, it was not accurate. Instead, they curated false claims to diminish the blow Nassar and USA gymnastics would receive. In other words, they lied to protect a child sex offender.

In the courtroom, FBI director Christopher A. Wray recognized the mishandling of the case and apologized directly to the survivors. He also stated that they fired the agent who interviewed Maroney. While this demonstrates sympathy and recognition of the FBI's flaws, it cannot reverse the trauma the survivors will feel for their entire lives. Raisman has been raising awareness about Nassar and the USA Gymnastics system for years. During the testimony, she admitted that the first time she spoke out against Nassar in 2017, she was so shaken up that she could no longer stand in the shower, and had to be taken to the hospital numerous times because she was so sick with trauma. She states that the FBI made her feel her abuse didn't happen.

USA Gymnastics and the FBI have a long history of suppressing survivors and disbelieving their abuse. Nassar is a predator who abused hundreds of girls and yet the FBI and USA Gymnastics system tried to protect him and their reputation. This horrible display of inhumanity shows there is more work to be done. The survivors have to live with this trauma for the rest of their lives and still fight for justice. USA Gymnastics and the FBI need to become organizations based in transparency and trust to ensure something like this never happens again.

"Empowering youth voters" ... for partisan advantage?

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The 2020 Presidential Election saw the highest voting-age turnout in nearly 60 years. With both candidates topping Barack Obama's record-setting total of 69.5 million votes in 2008, Joe Biden's winning vote tally set a new standard at over 81.2 million. The visibility, widespread campaigning, and controversial political arena at the time resulted in an unusually high-turnout election despite the various restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. More than any other group of Americans, the demographic that made this possible was young voters — and more specifically non-white voters who do not hold a college degree. In both of the most recent elections, these individuals have been revealed as a group that can "make or break" candidates in an election. Newer voters like these typically do not hold party loyalty, are less swayed by the history of political parties and are more likely to vote on political issues directly affecting their lives. Consequently, they are also more easily influenced by political campaigning.

Both Democrats and Republicans are responsible for swaying these demographics — often by making promises they cannot keep. Non-profit organizations such as NextGen America describe themselves as hoping to mitigate

these less-than-ethical campaign tactics, and preserve the independence of the American electorate. Following this reasoning, other programs seek to encourage the same high voter turnout seen in the 2020 election in elections without relying on the intensifying factors of hot-button topics like the Black Lives Matter movement, the COVID-19 and its resultant recession, and former president Donald Trump's impeachment.

With just over a year until the 2022 midterm elections, NextGen is looking to register 288,000 new voters across the country. In order to achieve this mission, the organization has budgeted over \$32 million to engage specifically young voters and increase their engagement with American politics. NextGen Executive Director Cristina Tzintzún Ramirez notes that she "think[s] we've won a lot already with the power and turnout of young voters. But ultimately," she adds, "what we care about at NextGen is delivering on real change," sending a direct message to any legislator who is trying to 'cling to the past' of low turnout and general voter disaffection. NextGen is currently operating in eight states — most "swing states" — including Texas, Arizona, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Michigan, Wisconsin and Nevada, with a mission to both inform and mobilize voters. Ramirez seems particularly keen on engaging young Texas vot-

ers, remarking that: "[a]s one of the youngest states in the country, young people in Texas have the power to determine an entirely new direction not just for our home state, but the nation. If the legislature of Texas actually enacted the will of young Texans we wouldn't be banning abortion, we wouldn't be trying to build a useless border wall and we wouldn't be passing voter suppression bills." This remark strikes us as particularly biased coming from a non-profit organization with such a simple mission — to "inform" and "mobilize" voters.

That these nonprofits are looking to employ young voters to create a more comprehensive and diverse representation of our democracy is morally just. But to what extent is this justification accurate or complete? With a budget of \$32 million and an executive looking to tackle particularly left-leaning topics, it is clear money still speaks volumes in our nation's politics. If this money looking to 'recruit' your vote succeeds in providing higher voter turnout, then the methodology cannot be argued with. Our nation is still tasked with educating all voters to look beyond the marketing materials being handed to them from both the Democratic and Republican parties to gain a comprehensive understanding of the candidates and vote within their best interests.



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Unheard: Healing from trauma and mental illness

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Healing from trauma and mental illness is an experiment. It is a restorative process with the aim of helping people live in bodies that feel fundamentally safe. We must be a community of seekers if we are to remedy the mental health crisis. An adaptive approach needs to be taken for treatment; the same is true for how we communicate about trauma and mental illness. Much of the present dialogue surrounding mental illness serves to stigmatize and normalize the experiences of the mentally ill. This is a societal failure, as the role of helping those struggling with a mental disorder does not reside solely with mental health professionals and loved ones of the affected. It takes a community of safe relationships to heal from trauma and alleviate the effects of

mental illness.

To observe the widespread negligence of the mental health crisis in this country, we need not look further than our own backyard. The University touts its impressive 9:1 student-faculty ratio, but what isn't advertised by the university is another very telling statistic: one psychologist per 600 students. As stated by the National Alliance for Mental Illness in their report on college campuses, one in four young adults suffers from a diagnosable mental illness. A team of six counselors is far from adequate to deal with this issue. In contrast, Susquehanna University has continued to offer face-to-face drop-in counseling throughout the pandemic and hosts multiple counselor-mediated support groups. The Counseling and Student Development Center at the University has ceased to offer walk-in services since the onset

of the pandemic, and the wait time to meet with a professional at the school can be over a month long. Students are suffering in silence, and that silence has grown deafening during the 2021-22 school year. This is what the systemic stigmatization of mental illness looks like. This is why college campuses are hatcheries for hidden pain.

Stigma has been countered by a movement to normalize mental illness; this is an unwise approach. We must be capable of both acknowledging that our society is struggling with a mental health crisis of epidemic proportions, without generalizing these experiences. Mental illness is common, but it is not normal. Phrasing mental illness in this manner may reduce stigma but it does so by obscuring the reality of the mentally ill. Each individual's experience with trauma and mental illness is uncommon,

unique only to them. By reducing stigma in this way, we resign the mentally ill to acquiescence. The affected resign themselves to acknowledging that they are not alone in their suffering by agreeing that their suffering is the same as others. This only serves to advance hopelessness, as questions like, "If I am not alone why do I feel so alone?", "If this is normal, why should I seek help?" arise, and this contributes even more to a cycle of pain. When individuals are able to speak of their experiences with mental disorders they are tokenized, their experiences generalized to encompass those of all affected and their successful recovery floated as the only way to overcome. You would not expect a woman to understand the experiences of all women. The same must be true for a person who has experienced trauma and mental

illness.

A sentiment often expressed by those advocating for the normality of mental illness is that it can be treated as would any other physical ailment. This approach attempts to legitimize the suffering of those who are mentally ill by promoting the effectiveness of traditional medicine. However this way of approaching mental health is inadequate, treating mental health as you would a cut or cancer has been the catalyst for our failure. We need to recognize the efficacy of plant medicine in a therapeutic setting. We need to normalize health beneficial activities such as play, body positivity, exploration and meditation. The individuality found through these practices is only possible when all interpretations are embraced. Thus, non-binary, feminine and masculine expression need to be celebrated in full. The

toxicity that is often attributed to each is the manifestation of societal illness, it is not a product of intrinsic delivery.

Mental illness is stigmatized and normalized, both of which are harmful to those whose experience it is. We must promote dialogue on these harmful forms of censure, we need to explore underlying causes for illness and not merely minimize symptoms. We have to consider alternative forms of communication and treatment. I want joy, vitality and health as a non-dogmatic choice for everyone. I believe in our capacity to promote discourse that is transformative. To unveil mental illness, it is essential that those struggling do not remain hidden. Those affected must be embraced by the community as they are. We must be brave enough to lift their pain as a collective burden. A mentally robust society is possible when the healthy give the suffering a voice.

Do we care about ink tat-TOO much?

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Senior Writer

Tattoos. Body art in the form of permanent ink that dances across your skin. Tattoos come in all different styles and can express a wide range of sentiments or personal meaning. Maybe it is your mother's handwriting, a date of significance or a religious symbol. Or maybe it's something not "that deep," like a dragon you got because you thought it looked cool. No matter what the work represents, there is a stigma against people with tattoos despite tattoos being quite popular in modern culture. According to PsychologyToday, those with tattoos are commonly judged as "having negative personality characteristics, lower levels of inhibition, competence, and sociability, and higher levels of promiscuity." In the workplace, these judgmental reservations are amplified. Visible body art is often viewed as an informal representation of a company's reputation. Moreover, it is found that tattooed

women are viewed in a more negative light than their male counterparts. Throughout history, tattoos have been associated with masculinity; therefore, this perception has caused tattooed women to be judged as less feminine and more sexually promiscuous.

Who would have thought that body art is closely intertwined with societal judgement, sexism and workplace discrimination? Why is it that when you come home with new ink, parents aren't exactly jumping for joy? Well, let's analyze the history of tattoos. Ink was primarily used to represent status in society both culturally and religiously. Tattoos were adapted into modern culture and are predominantly used as a form of self expression. Personally, tattoos have been an outlet for me to visibly remind myself of inspirational messages. For instance, my angel wing tattoo that rests above my collarbone is a visual reminder to myself to make good decisions and my moon phase

tattoo reminds me that we go through phases of darkness, but light (the moon) is always there even if we cannot see it. I often get asked, "Morgan, aren't you scared that future employers will reject you due to your tattoos?" My answer, you may ask, is that it simply is their loss! If an employer, friend, family member or significant other cannot see past your physical appearance and value who you are, then you should question if they are someone you want in your life.

The stigma behind ink will be a thing of the past as the percentage of tattooed individuals drastically rises per year, however in order to make this change we as a society need to abandon the judgement of others based upon physical representation. I do not have lower levels of ambition and self respect just because I am a woman who chose to get a snake tattooed on my wrist. It's time we value unique ways of self expression rather than bash individuality.

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP

GET OFF CAMPUS AND GET OUTDOORS

Juliana Rodrigues '24
Special Features Editor

Still sick of spending so much time indoors from quarantine? The Bucknell Outdoor Leadership and Education (OEL) program has many solutions for that exact problem. For years, OEL has provided various opportunities for University students to get outdoors, explore parts of Pennsylvania, get active and learn. While the OEL program is most well known for organizing the first year pre-orientation BuckWild event, they also have many different events throughout the year available to University students who want to get away for a bit.

The OEL program is, for the most part, student run and managed. With six different departments, Director Nathan Smith oversees all student leaders, events, and departments. There are many opportunities for student employment within the OEL program as a manager, staff or trip leader. Students work and manage the OEL Rental Center that provides not only students but also faculty and staff with the option to rent gear for different types of outdoor activities. Within the Rental Center, Bison Bikes is also open for semester long rentals. Students are able to simply apply online to request a bike to help them get around the campus and Lewisburg. It is through the

Rental Center that University student-run trips are organized and offered for all students, even those outside of the OEL program. These trips are free with gear provided; all that is required is the RSVP sign up located on their portal. Some of the upcoming OEL events include Day Hike Dale's Ridge, Biking the Rail Trail, Spooky Canoe for Halloween and more!

Another extension of the OEL program open to all students weekly is the popular climbing wall located in the Gerhard Fieldhouse. The climbing wall is over twelve feet tall and has hours every weekday for open climb. Molly O'Halloran '22 is the Student Manager for the Climbing Wall who brings together a large group of students weekly.

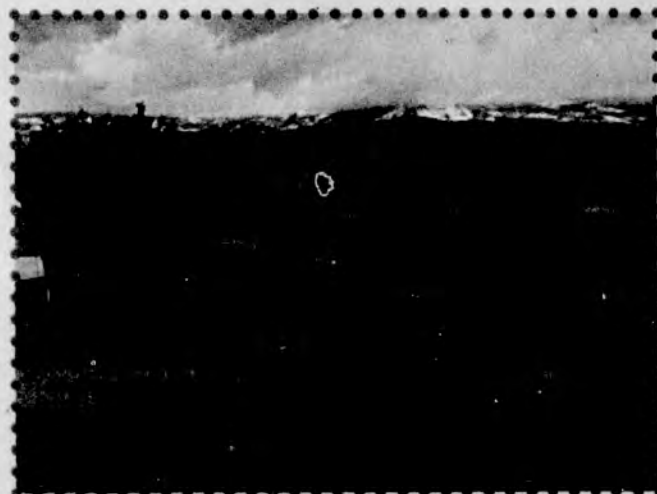
An excursion located off campus typically available to students through the OEL program is the Cowan Challenge Course. While at the moment it is currently under construction, this is a great opportunity specifically for clubs or student organizations looking for a team building activity. The University's course offers activities at different heights along with a climbing tower and zip line. Once renovations are complete reservations for the Challenge Course will once again be available online.

One of the most prominent OEL programs is BuckWild Pre-O. Many of the students now a part of or working for OEL started their first year immersed into the program through BuckWild. After undergoing training student leaders plan, pack, and oversee the five days first years spend off campus at BuckWild. The goal of BuckWild is to begin the introduction of new University students to their peers in a fun environment, but also to develop new skills that will help them throughout the years they spend at the University. Students are able to strengthen both their leadership, and team working skills. Pippa Sheffield '25 was grateful for the opportunity to participate in BuckWild this fall, taking part in white water rafting and hikes. "BuckWild gave me the opportunity to meet new incoming students in a fun outdoor environment," Sheffield said. The most recent BuckWild program was able to take over a hundred new first year students on multiple trips to five different locations.

Lauren Canna '22 who spoke on the OEL program as a whole also shared her experience with OEL, starting her first year in BuckWild. She explains how after her first year experience her leaders pushed her to apply to train as a leader,

and that was just the beginning of her time with OEL. "I applied and was accepted to the program not long after. The training year was tough and time-consuming, but it kept me out of trouble and I ended up looking forward to each trip as they approached. I was soon able to pack a weekend camping bag in no more than a few minutes. Some of the longer trips, including an eight day trip in the middle of winter, were the most challenging, but I learned many technical and social skills. One of my fondest memories is Bohemian Rhapsody in the pitch-black of a cave with my training class that Fall. Now, after four years with OEL, I sit in two manager positions because I could see so much potential for this program. There is so much support from all angles — our administration, the deans and the students - that nearly anything is possible. I see so much good that OEL can bring to the [University] community," Canna said.

The OEL program has been able to offer hundreds of students outdoor experiences they otherwise would not have the chance to partake in while at the University. The impact that programs like OEL leave on students such as Lauren and many others is inspiring.



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University Celebrates Coming Out Day with "Celebrate Difference" Photo



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WORKOUT CLASSES ON CAMPUS: FROM AIKIDO TO ZUMBA

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Monday, October 11 was International "Coming Out" Day, a holiday celebrating self-disclosure of one's sexual identity and orientation first commemorated in the United States in 1988. The celebration now occurs annually on and off campuses across the globe, with an especially significant prominence at undergraduate institutions like the University. In celebration of LGBTQ History Month as well as International Coming Out Day, the University's Office of LGBTQ Resources sponsored a "Celebrate Difference" t-shirt campaign and community photo on Thursday, October 14.

The Office of LGBTQ Resources handed out free t-shirts to all students and faculty who wished to show their support for the community in this way. T-shirts were available in the LGBTQ Community Center

leading up to the "Celebrate Difference" campaign on a first come, first serve basis; individuals simply had to visit the office, located on the second floor of the ELC, to pick their color and sign their name. Members of the community were encouraged to wear their t-shirts on Thursday and join the group photo at noon. As in past years, the photo was taken in front of Robert L. Rooke Science building opposite the Elaine Langone Center on Dent Drive.

This visible show of support was especially timely after an incident at Fran's House last year shook the campus community, leaving many LGBTQ students feeling unsafe on campus. Over 100 students, professors and other faculty gathered this year for the photo. These individuals could also be seen walking around campus and attending classes in their colorful shirts that day. Overall, the presence of those wearing the "Celebrate Difference"

t-shirts served as a reminder of the support for the LGBTQ community in the University community and beyond.

Emma Stone '22 reflected on her decision to participate in the photo, sharing her thoughts on the importance of safety on campus for members of the LGBTQ community. "As someone who navigates our campus with privilege, I felt it was very important

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Flu season strikes the University

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News Co-Editor

Flu season is filling the waiting room at Student Health.

According to medical director of Bucknell Student Health Catherine O'Neil, there has been a significant increase in student visitations to the health center this fall compared to last fall. "The visits have been mostly for upper respiratory tract infections. This is not surprising, as last year at this time the entire country saw a significant decrease in URI's due to broadly practiced social distancing and masking," O'Neil said.

O'Neil points to the relaxed restrictions on social gatherings as a possible source. "As social activities have increased across the country, we are seeing a corresponding wide range of viruses that are typically present in the fall," O'Neil said.

Riley Beebe '23, noted that she finally recovered last week from an illness that has been affecting her for multiple weeks. She chose not to visit Student Health

due to scheduling conflicts.

"Appointments for student health are hard to get, and last time I was there I waited almost an hour to be seen. The doctors are knowledgeable but don't offer any realistic advice. [Last time] they just tested me for COVID and said there was nothing they could do," Beebe said.

Braden Stryker '25 visited the Health Center on Wednesday because he believed he had pink eye. He said he had a different experience than Beebe.

"I called and they had an appointment available in 30 minutes which was incredibly fast. There were about five others in the waiting room with me, but the wait was only 15 minutes" Stryker said.

The wait for an available doctor, noted Stryker, was a particular nuisance.

"I waited more in the room for the doctor as well, which usually would be okay, but I only have a short window of time between

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Author, professor and online personality Jordan Peterson gives campus lecture

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On Tuesday Oct. 19, University of Toronto professor, introductory author for the 50th anniversary edition of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's "The Gulag Archipelago", and social media presence Dr. Jordan B. Peterson visited the University's campus to present a lecture on the subject of "The Liberal Arts Tradition versus Totalitarian Culture." Attendees included members of the Bucknell Program for American Leadership, the Open Discourse Coalition and a swath of University students, as well as members of the surrounding Lewisburg community and beyond. The lecture was followed by a Q&A session with Peterson and a book signing, promoting his newest self-help book "Beyond Order: 12 More Rules for Life," released earlier in 2021.

The lecture began with a preface by Associate Professor of English Paul Siewers. Isabella President of the University's Conservatives Club (BUCC) Isabella Carrega '22 then introduced Peterson, citing her personal fascination with his work in 2016.

The clinical psychologist's appearance at the University was his first public talk since February 2019, and his remarks focused upon the value of free speech and open discourse. Peterson was met with a grand welcome by the audience in attendance before proceeding with his lecture.

Throughout the discussion, Peterson touched on topics such as the psychology of happiness, love, the importance of free speech and the mechanisms that keep society stable. Peterson denounced totalitarianism, and the "demons" that exist in society that try to create limitations on speech and thought, saying, "Free speech isn't a right among other rights... free speech is the process by which we stop everything from degenerating into hell." He particularly focused upon the parallels between speech and music, emphasizing that the freedom to make errors in speech is similar to practicing music, and that eventually errors in speech can be manipulated into well articulated ideas. He adhered strongly to many of his well-known viewpoints from his previous debates with

other thinkers as seen on YouTube, and encouraged the audience to embrace the tenet of personal responsibility.

Peterson avoided his more widely-known views of college campuses for much of the lecture, only addressing the "liberal arts tradition" once. He criticized professors for placing limitations on students' writing, claiming that they encourage students to "regurgitate the information they've been told". This was met with a rousing applause from much of his loyal audience, and brought the lecture to somewhat of a climax. Peterson remarked of viewpoint diversity, "no, it's not another type of diversity," but it is instead in the "care of consciousness itself." He continued on to discuss his ideas regarding humans possessing a natural inclination towards personal development, the value of perception and the natural totalitarian instinct that exists in institutions such as religion. Upon concluding with the thought, "What's deepest? Freedom of speech," Dr. Peterson was met with a standing ovation from many of his supporters, at which time Professor

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BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.

Brief by Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

INTERNATIONAL

According to The Guardian, Russia hosted talks over the current situation in Afghanistan, calling for international aid to recoup the severely damaged economy. Diplomats were quick to clarify that they will not recognize the Taliban regime with aid plans until it improves human rights in the state. The Guardian reports that although Russia has considered the Taliban a terrorist organization for roughly two decades, it has nonetheless maintained an embassy in Kabul and keeps contact with the new rulers.

The Guardian reported that Latvia initiated a country-wide lockdown amid a new wave of COVID in Europe. As the first country in Europe to take this type of action against the new surplus of "Delta" cases, Prime Minister Arturs Krišjānis Kariņš blamed the country's low vaccination rate, according to The Guardian.

DOMESTIC

The Food and Drug Administration approved the use of booster vaccination for most adults that have waited through a recommended period, according to The Wall Street Journal. The FDA also approved letting adults who had one type of vaccination to get another type. According to the report, some studies suggest that people who mix and match the different vaccines can have a stronger immunity.

Adam Jonas, a Morgan Stanley analyst, predicts that Elon Musk could become the world's first trillionaire from his financial earnings with his company SpaceX, according to a report from The Hill. Musk took back his title of the richest person in the world from Amazon founder Jeff Bezos last month.

UNIVERSITY'S ANNUAL
'CELEBRATE DIFFERENCE'
COMING OUT DAY PHOTO

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to visibly express my allyship and support. I want my friends, classmates, and peers who identify with the LGBTQ+ community to feel safe and supported in the spaces at Bucknell." Stone concluded by stating that "the 'Celebrate Difference' photo is one step each year towards making that happen."

In addition to LGBTQ History Month, October is also recognized as "No More Month," a time to reflect on and raise awareness of sexual assault and sexual violence particularly salient on college campuses. SpeakUp is sponsoring a host of events to encourage campus members to get involved in this important time. Annually visible throughout Bertrand Library, for example, is the results of the Clothesline Project; students and others are encouraged to write messages of support, allyship and awareness on shirts that will be displayed across the campus. Other examples can also be seen throughout the ELC Mall.

This past Thursday, October 21 was "Purple Thursday"; individuals were encouraged to wear

purple to show their support and allyship for victims and survivors of sexual assault or violence. Lastly, on the evening of Thursday, November 4, the University will be hosting its annual Take Back the Night event, where students will gather to stand against sexual assault. There are usually student speakers as well as songs and poems performed.

Katelynne Schmitt '22 spoke to The Bucknellian about the importance of the celebrate difference campaign and its impact on the LGBTQ+ community. "The 'Coming Out Day' photo is always a super important opportunity for the LGBTQ+ community (and for allies as well) to make ourselves visible, take up space and fill it with pride at Bucknell," she explained. "It's a moment where queerness is embraced and celebrated, a blip in time where identities that are normally silenced and expected to fly under the heteronormative radar emerge. In that moment I stood—not alone, (which is how it can feel at times) but surrounded by friends, allies, faculty/staff, peers and fellow queers—unapologetically."



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University sets \$15 wage bill for staff; contingent, casual, student workers not eligible

Griffin Perrault
Editor-in-Chief

Just a few weeks after faculty, staff and students began organized calls for higher campus wages and benefits through the "Ray for Fair Pay" (RfFP) campaign, President John Bravman announced at an Oct. 11 "employee celebration" event that the University is raising its minimum wage to \$15 per hour "for benefits-eligible, non-exempt University employees with at least one year

of service." The previous hourly rate for such employees—including custodians and other support staff—was \$12.60.

"As the pandemic continues, Bucknell staff and faculty have adapted to ever-changing circumstances to overcome one challenge after another," Bravman noted at the celebration, affirming that "[w]e want to reward the critical roles our hourly staff plays in the overall success of the institution by providing them a more adequate pay rate for the

valuable work they perform." All "regular, benefits-eligible staff" with at least one year of service by Nov. 2022 are entitled to the rate hike.

In a press release by the University Communications Office the same day, Mike Ferlazzo described the move as "invest[ing] in the valuable work of its hourly employees." The \$15-per-hour benchmark has long been a point of contention at the federal, state and local-institutional level; a large social movement

(the "Fight for \$15") has developed which advocates the wage's implementation by individual employers and governments alike. While the movement has met with success in nearby states like Massachusetts and Connecticut, Pennsylvania's state minimum remains flush with the federal minimum of \$7.25 per hour. The University's new rate would put its wages at more than double that level.

Notably ineligible for the new minimum, how-

ever, are campus community members such as contingent workers—employees of Parkhurst Dining Services, Indigo Gold, and Barnes & Noble—and so-called "casual workers"—hired for limited time periods to perform specific job functions on a temporary, as-needed basis," per the dispatch. "[T]he University will continue to assess" pay rates of the latter, Ferlazzo continued.

Also excluded from the rate increase are student workers, many of

whom earn wages consistent with or slightly above the federal minimum wage. While many student positions have pay scales for which the minimum is only a base rate, most student positions are paid substantially less than the \$15-per-hour benchmark. "While I am glad that President Bravman has raised the pay for adult workers," student Marta Majewski '22 explained, "I am disappointed that student

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classes that I can go to Student Health, so I was late to my next class," Stryker said.

Despite concerns of inconvenience, O'Neil stressed that all students experiencing symptoms must be tested in some capacity. "There is no consistent way for an individual to determine whether they have COVID or another viral infection by symptoms alone. The best way to know whether a person has COVID or not is to get tested," O'Neil said.

Students with "mild" symptoms can schedule an appointment through the Aura App, consistent with protocol from previous semesters. If a student is experiencing "significant symptoms," however, they should could Student Health to set up an appointment,

said O'Neil.

Despite University encouragement, student COVID tests have seen a steady decline in the past few weeks, according to the University's COVID Dashboard.

On October 6 Student Health administered tests to 116 students. The highest number since then was on October 13, where only 63 students were tested. October 18 and 19 were the next highest since then at 28 and 29, respectively.

"The best way to prevent serious illness and spread of disease is to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and the flu, continue to wear a mask when outside of your residence, keep your distance from others if you do feel sick and get tested," O'Neil explained.

JORDAN PETERSON GIVES CAMPUS LECTURE

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Siewers opened a live Q&A session.

During the Q&A session, University students and visitors alike were able to ask Peterson personal questions regarding their own lives, thoughts and theories as well as clarifications of Peterson's own ideas presented during the lecture and from other lectures. After about half a dozen questions over half an hour of discourse, Siewers closed the lecture, moving forward into a book signing in the Weis Center lobby. Many were able to have personal copies of Peterson's novels signed, taking pictures and have brief conversations with him.

Dr. Peterson is currently a professor of psychology at the University of Toronto, and has training as a clinical psychologist. He first gained widespread notoriety in 2016 after testifying before the Canadian parliament as they discussed Bill C-16. Peterson testified then that the bill, "requires compelled speech," because, "refusing to refer to a person by their self-identified name and proper personal pronoun, which are the pronouns I was objecting to, can be interpreted as harassment." His popularity

swelled again in 2018, after he was interviewed by the BBC's Channel 4 journalist Cathy Newman for the release of his then-newest book, "Twelve Rules for Life." Currently, the full 30 minute interview between Peterson and Newman has over 33 million views on YouTube. London's Sunday Times reported Peterson "told Newman there were 'multiple reasons' for the gender pay gap. He claimed that women were more 'agreeable' than men and gender was a smaller component [of that gap] than 'radical feminists' claimed." Dr. Peterson has since gained over two million Twitter followers, and posts regularly on YouTube of his interviews, lectures and debates.

The Open Discourse Coalition, in an email to their subscribers, lauded the occasion; "Dr. Jordan Peterson spoke to a sold-out Weis Center thanks to the supporters of Open Discourse Coalition and the Bucknell Program for American Leadership. Afterwards, students waited in line for up to an hour to meet him in person." They further extended their "gratitude for allowing us to serve and engage students in pursuit of open discourse."

Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

Students and administrators can't seem to pinpoint a single cause for recurring Vedder fire alarms, which have bedeviled the north campus building's residents since the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester.

The University's 2021 Security & Fire Safety Report revealed that Vedder Hall, a first-year residential area infamous amongst students for its repeated false fire alarms, did not have any active fires within the building throughout 2020.

"Vedder Hall does tend to have a fair amount of fire alarms to be set off each year without an actual fire to occur," community director of Vedder Hall Robert Leibel said in an emailed statement.

"As a [predominant-

ly] first-year building on campus, some residents are beginning to learn how to properly use their microwave to cook food within their room (overcooking popcorn or forgetting to add water in mac & cheese/ramen noodle cups, etc.) and may accidentally set off the alarm."

Leibel said some "criminal mischief" also sets off the alarm, which Public Safety investigates.

Two year resident of Vedder Daniel Guzman '24, is not surprised about the lack of fires when compared to the amount of times the alarm has been set off. "It is a constant thing that happens here," Guzman said. "I think they're relatively equal, maybe a little less this year [compared to last year] but I would say it is at more inconvenient times, like 2 a.m."

Guzman said popcorn can be a culprit, but he also suspects other activities. "I think it's smoke downstairs or maybe people are pulling fire alarms. I'm not sure but it's way too frequent to name it as one single thing setting it off," Guzman said.

Former Vedder Hall residential advisor Kaiya Burton '23 worries that the frequent false alarms foster a sense of leisure amongst residents towards evacuations. "I can say with confidence that the frequency of the Vedder fire alarms have created a space where students will both ignore the alarm as well as subconsciously tune out the noise during night hours," Burton said.

Despite never considering herself a heavy sleeper, Burton said that on multiple occasions

she learned from other students that an alarm was set off in the middle of the night and that she slept through it.

"My body was so used to the noise [that] I would not wake up to the alarm sounding," Burton continued.

Leibel wanted to stress the importance of responding to each alarm, no matter the time. "Even though fire alarms have been set off and there hasn't been an actual fire yet, I strongly urge and remind residents to evacuate the building every single time the alarm rings because you never know when that alarm will be signaling an actual fire. If you need to know your Fire Evacuation Route or Fire Alarm Location, please follow up with your RA," she added.

Free humidifiers combat mold in the Bucknell West Apartments

Juliette Gaggini
News Co-Editor

After an unusually high amount of mold has been found in dorms this year, the University West residents in the "Mods" have suffered through humid rooms and the widespread appearance of mold. After weeks of issues and vocal opposition by affected students, the school began addressing the complaints.

The problem arose early in the semester and residents began complaining about the living situation. On September 14, Housing Services sent an email to the "Mod" residents.

"As you may already be aware, the facilities team will be visiting each mod throughout the next week to clean the AC units and filters as a preventative measure. They will be arriving to student rooms each day at approximately 7:30 a.m., so please be prepared if you receive a knock at your door. This will be taken care of for

you if you are not present. It will be helpful if your AC unit is clear and accessible - please be advised some of your items and furniture may be adjusted to access the AC unit," the email noted.

"If you have any concerns regarding mildew or mold in your space, please make sure to submit a work request to the facilities team. Make sure your room number is correct when submitting a work request," the email continued.

On Oct. 14, Housing Services emailed all the residents of the mods about delivering dehumidifiers to every "Mod."

"Beginning today, the facilities team will be delivering dehumidifiers to each mod as quickly as we are able to procure them," averred the email. "For best results, it is essential that you constantly run your dehumidifier - do not turn it off at night or when you are out of the room. As the machine pulls moisture from the

air, its water reservoir will fill."

"Please be sure to empty the reservoir as necessary when you see the 'full' signal in order to keep the machine running and ensure maximum drying of air. The reservoir bucket can be emptied in your shower drain," the email said.

Though the effort is there to reduce humidity and many students appreciate having their AC units cleaned and getting dehumidifiers, others fear the University is not taking sufficient precautionary measures.

Concerned Mod resident Maddie Wickers '23 told The Bucknellian she is worried as she has already found mold in her mod.

"I am concerned that the school is not doing enough to take precautions before we have more mold," Wickers said. "We put in a work order and they said nothing was found in the vents, but the mold we

found was in the closet not the vents."

Bucknell West resident Brian Skeels '23 showed concern to The Bucknellian about mold found in his room.

"My roommate did have mold growing on his backpack that was under his bed. We have since gotten dehumidifiers and air purifiers," Skeels said. "I got very sick and thought it was from mold but there is no way to know."

When asked about his feelings toward the way the situation has been handled, Skeels expressed annoyance.

"I was worried at first, but you learn to live with it. I am annoyed more than mad. It is a nuisance to think you have mold poisoning," Skeels said.

The mods are just one of the residential spaces on campus that have dealt with mold issues this semester. Students are hopeful the University will continue to address the mold as it fits.

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Transition Closet Clothing Drive hopes to establish a new campus resource

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As part of their Transition Closet project, the Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) and Fran's House are collecting clothing donations in the LGBTQ+ lounge (ELC third floor) for the remainder of the semester.

Clothing donations will be used to create a transition closet for any student looking for free trans-inclusive, gender-affirming clothing. In addition to everyday clothing, they are also looking for lightly used formal attire for formal events on campus like date parties or GSA's Queer Prom that the club has planned for this winter.

"It is so important for students to have access to gender-affirming clothing the same way it is for a cisgender individual to have clothes that meet their style," Fran's House co-affinity leader Isabelle Levesque-Du Bose '23 said. "Whether you realize it or not, what you wear is simultaneously how people perceive and treat you. By giving students access to clothes that allows them to wear what makes them most comfortable, this takes a lot of stress off of their shoulders and more time and energy to focus on other things that matter to them."

While the clothing drive is an idea that the GSA and Fran's House have wanted to do for a

while, it was not possible last year due to COVID restrictions. They also had difficulty finding the proper spaces for storage and access to the clothing items.

However, according to director of the Office of LGBT Awareness Bill McCoy, the closet has been a need at the University for individual students.

"As students either transition or are engaged in a process of exploring their gender identity, there can be significant structural and financial barriers to find affirming clothing," McCoy said. "While online shopping has made it a bit easier to access clothing, the process of exploring sizes that fit one's body can be a challenge. Concerns about family support in exploring or transitioning and, in particular, financial support for these journeys can be a major barrier as well—so a student might be on their own to figure out how to pay for a new, gender-affirming wardrobe."

According to the Point Foundation, the nation's largest scholarship-granting organization for LGBTQ+ students, more than 80 percent of LGBTQ+ students pay for school themselves; whereas 53 percent of non-LGBTQ+ students do. Similarity LGBTQ+ students across the country report higher levels of debt, about \$16,000 more, than their non-LGBTQ+ peers.

"We know that it is a privilege to even be able

to go to the thrift store to get clothing that is affordable, fashionable, and gender-affirming, so we aim to make [the transition closet] a place where they can turn to," Levesque-Du Bose said.

In addition to the clothing drive, the University offers other policies and practices in support of trans and non-binary students, including gender-inclusive and accessible housing policies, an initiative for all-gender bathrooms, new functionality for students to share and update their gender identity and pronouns with the University, and educational opportunities to learn about the trans community and gender more broadly.

The GSA also holds weekly breakout meetings for LGBTQ+ students with specific shared identities, including a Gender meeting for students in the trans and non-binary communities.

The Campus Pride Index, a national LGBTQ+ resource to advise colleges on how to make campuses safer and more inclusive, rated the University a 3 out of 5 for "institutional commitment to LGBTQ-inclusive policy, program and practice."

The score is calculated based on the presence and strength of the following: LGBTQ+ Policy Inclusion, Support & Institutional Commitment, Academic Life, Student Life, Housing & Resi-

dence Life, Campus Safety, Counseling & Health and Recruitment & Retention Efforts.

The University received a 4.5 out of 5 for LGBTQ+ Student Life and a 4 out of 5 for LGBTQ+ Support & Institutional Commitment. Initiatives such as the transition closet clothing drive only improve upon these scores as they reinforce and expand student inclusion and equity efforts.

"While most of what the University can address is institutional structural challenges, the transition closet will add specific support for individual students' specific gender journeys" McCoy said.

For students interested in being allies beyond the clothing drive, they can help by entering their gender identity and pronouns into the University system to help the school track recruitment and retention trends. Students can also ask and offer pronouns in introductions and take advantage of educational opportunities offered through GSA's programming or even courses such as those in the Women and Gender Studies Department.

"By donating some clothes that you don't wear anymore, not only do you free up space in your closet, but the clothes you donate can help one of your peers to feel as good as you once did in that outfit," Levesque-Du Bose said.

UNIVERSITY SETS \$15 WAGE BILL FOR STAFF

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workers cannot partake in the benefits."

In an open letter to President Bravman dated Oct. 19, Ray for Fair Pay—a loose coalition of students, faculty and staff dedicated to improving conditions of employment for University employees—responded to the policy change, calling the rate increase "deeply appreciated" and averring that they "will make a difference to the well-being of our co-workers."

Acknowledging the carve-outs for contingent, casual and student workers, the organization lays out a number of policy prescriptions which they feel should supplement the recent rate hike. Among others, it requests that the University "raise the minimum hourly wage of all [emphasized in

original] workers [...] to match the new \$15 minimum wage of full-time employees," and adds that "employees in outsourced units at Bucknell," like those of Parkhurst Dining and the local Barnes & Noble, should "receive the same minimum wages and benefits as Bucknell employees."

Yet more aspirational is the list's seventh request—Bucknell must "[c]reate ongoing processes for faculty, staff, and students to have a real say in creating and adjusting the pay-scales and related compensation decisions that affect them, and ensure that wages continue to respond to increases in inflation and cost-of-living." As of Oct. 20 no public response to the letter has been offered by the University.

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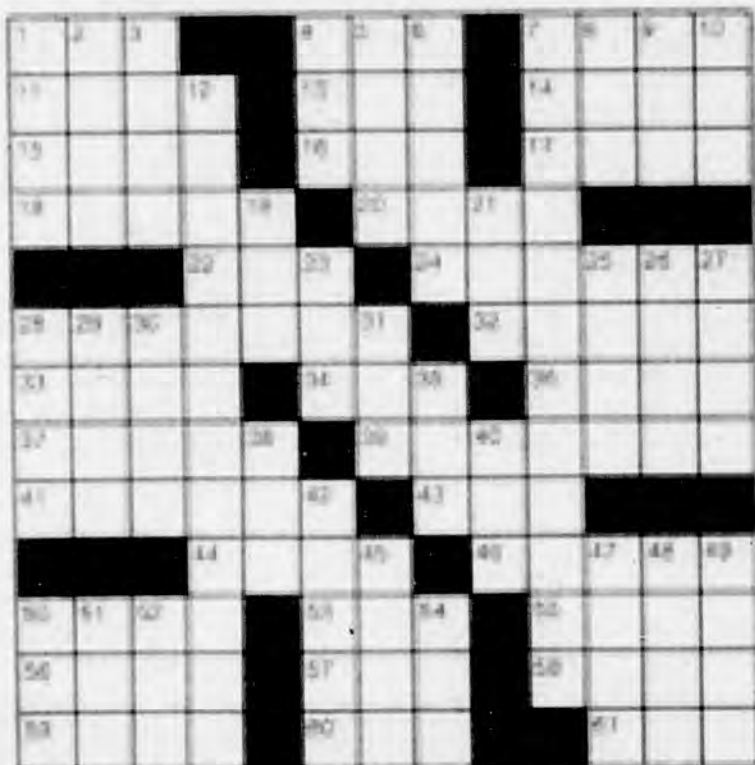
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She marched with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., performed at President John F. Kennedy's inauguration and sang in President Barack Obama's White House.

She's collaborated with everyone from Prince and Bob Dylan to Arcade Fire and Hozier.

At a time when most artists begin to wind down, Staples ramped things up, releasing a trio of critically acclaimed albums in her 70s with Wilco's Jeff Tweedy that prompted Pitchfork.com to rave that "her voice has only gained texture and power over the years" and People magazine to proclaim that she "provides the comfort of a higher power."

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Boy Who Hasn't Washed His Sheets Since Pre-Covid Thinks Bad Smell in His Room is Due to Mold

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Satire Co-Editor

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laundry sit for a little while too long.

"I've been hearing a lot going on with all the mold stuff in the dorms," shared Lan Dree '23. "I believe I myself am a victim of this moldy business going on, actually. My room smells absolutely rancid, and I actually did a once over of my room this morning to be sure I cleaned up all the half empties and cigs from last weekend, since that could definitely contribute to it."

Dree's self awareness at the fact that yes, "half empties and cigs" would make his room smell more is astounding, considering the fact that he neglected to check the edges of his fitted sheet, which were green with grime. An impressive feat, considering the sheets were navy blue.

"Oh, that? I thought they came like that. They've looked like that since before COVID! I always shower before I get into bed, so I am always clean in bed. Why on Earth would I wash my CLEAN sheet? What, I guess you're supposed to wash your TOWELS too? Insanity," Dree lamented.

Top 5 Halloween Costumes That Will Leave Your Peers Asking "What the Hell?"

AJ Lawrence
Staff Writer

Well everyone, it's that time of the year again. Homes and lawns are being decorated, stores supplying anything you need, treats are being bought and made and our favorite warm drinks are reappearing in stores. It's the most wonderful time of the year! No, it's not Christmas yet, it's Halloween! It's time to watch scary movies too late at night and ask strangers to give you candy. And most importantly, it's time for Halloween costumes!

Now, everyone wants to have the best costume at a party — one that will really make everyone stare, one that people will be talking about forever. Or at least until next Halloween. So I'm here to give you the

top five Halloween costumes that will really make the people around you ask "What in the world are they wearing?"

5) A sexy animal. A classic, the trademark of any Halloween party. But I challenge you to go further; do something exotic, less well known or even slightly outrageous. Let's see some bison, blobfish, maybe even a Mothman if you're feeling up to it.

4) A favorite teacher from past school years. Could be from any year or any school, from kindergarten to even a current professor of yours. It's always a bonus if someone recognizes the teacher you are.

3) A Knight of the Round Table. We all love Arthurian legend, so you'll be the life of the party

when you show up in a full suit of armor. You may get a bit sweaty as the night goes on, but it'll be worth it for the glitz and glam and all the challenges to duels you'll get.

2) The number two. Full of curves... arguably the most attractive number out there.

1) Any inanimate object, but get as close to looking like that object as possible. You're gonna be a microwave? Then you better find some cardboard boxes. These costumes should make someone think of "The Beauty and The Beast" ensemble in "Be Our Guest."

Try to get creative this Halloween. Everyone around you should question their own costume, and maybe they'll take inspiration from you for next year.

University Introduces Hunger Games Based Competition for Year-Long Parking Space

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While many have read Suzanne Collins' best selling book series, "The Hunger Games", few thought its dystopian universe would manifest itself on the University campus. However, this fiction has become reality as the University administration, in response to complaints about lack of student parking, has created an opportunity to win a free spot for the rest of the school year. 13 students started the competition, however the numbers dwindled as more people were eliminated every round.

The first challenge was a familiar endeavor for many students as they were tasked with a 100 meter sprint to stop Public Safety from giving them a ticket. Despite the assumed ease of this round, many partici-

pants made the task difficult for each other as they engaged in extreme pushing. Additionally, many people wearing the iconic Katniss Everdeen side braids used their hair to whip their opponents.

The next competition tested the skills of students as they were timed driving around campus after classes ended. Although pedestrians did not have previous knowledge of the competition, they had an elevated sense of audacity when crossing the streets and proved to be an obstacle in the race. After this round, student Peeta Parker '24 was eliminated due to a miscommunication of the instructions that misled the participant into thinking he got extra points for hitting students. Although Parker's recklessness landed student Hope Ann Run '25 in the hospital with a broken leg,

Run has accepted the situation and commented, "At least I get a break from the cafe food for a while."

The final round had the highest stakes as the first student to parallel park would win the year-long spot. Many people were eliminated for hitting the curb and cones. Student Doug Racer commented on the difficulty of the challenge and said, "Olivia Rodrigo can't parallel park and neither can I."

All in all, after this brutal yet thrilling competition, Marsha Jay '24 has been announced as the winner. Thus, the University announced that she will park in President Bravman's driveway. Although this location is out of the way for Jay who lives in Roberts Hall, the university has no other open spots, due to lack of funds and forethought.

Bold! Student Denounces Dictatorships in Moodle Forum Post

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While contributing to Moodle forum posts in lieu of a standard assignment has been marked the bane of many students' existences, every once in a while someone comes through with a real Niccolò-Machiavelli's-"The Prince"-level content to spice things up and solve world peace.

Thankfully, our beloved Whit Less '24 has made her mark on the political philosophical community with her controversial statement last week. "Hitler was wrong," he boldly

declared, "and we should not let leaders become dictators." Absolutely riveting!

How does one even begin to try to match this level of insight in a way that provides meaningful discussion? At the root of political theory, does this not sum it all up? Unfortunately for the other students in the class, Less's professor has decided to dock everyone's grades until they find a way to provide similarly noteworthy contributions.

Across the world, current dictators are scrambling to secure their positions of power. People close

to Vladimir Putin and Kim Jong Un have reported the two leaders are putting on a brave face to the public, but privately presenting a sense of panic and 'fait accompli'. Hoping simply to remain in power, they have come to terms with the fact that Less's post could spark international revolutions, and have instead opted to usher in an era of democracy to get ahead of the curve.

Experts report Whit Less is expected to be awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in the near future for single-handedly spreading democracy on a global scale.

Student Reports needing "a Break After Fall Break!"

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Professor Finds Out They Are Actually Teaching the Hardest Class at the University

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It's not a secret that many classes at the University are difficult for students. The most frustrating thing about this is that professors often don't know how hard their classes are. Many professors just assume that the students should be able to figure out the work on their own and that their class is a breeze.

Last week, there was a shocking development in Professor Stress's class, "Mathematics With Really Difficult Numbers." Stress has claimed that they designed the class to "help students figure out how to manage their workload in the real world." However, Stress gave their students

so much work that the students protested class by not showing up and flooding Stress' email, letting Stress know that they were teaching the most difficult class at the University.

But Stress has not let up. If anything, Stress has only gotten worse with the workload. Ever since the protest, Stress has been piling on the work. Students have claimed that they now spend 19 hours a day doing Stress' work, which mostly consists of an 87 page packet of multiplying ridiculously high numbers together without the use of a calculator.

As always, students at the University have found a way of coping with Stress. They have since formed a group called "Stress Relief," where students vent

about Stress and try to de-Stress themselves. The group focuses on the importance of meditation and stresses the value of Stress management.

"It's really helped us quite a bit," claimed one student. "Dr. Stress just keeps piling on the work, which just leads to more...ugh I can't think of the right word...emotional turmoil? It's a never ending cycle of Stress, and my life has become extremely Stress-full."

Despite this, Stress does not seem to be done with their students. "I don't see how my workload is affecting them, to be honest," they claim. "I know that my class can be hard, but they need to learn how to manage time and how to manage Stress."

Home Viewing: Tik-Tok

Combining film, academics and Tik-Tok

Bel Carden '22
Special Feature Editors

One of the most recent social media platforms to rise in popularity has been Tik-Tok. This app allows users to take and post videos ranging in duration from 15 seconds to three minutes on any topic imaginable, such as dance, humor, education, cooking and much more. Tik-Tok was initially released in September of 2016 but did not gain popularity in the United States until late 2019. Today, it has over 130 million downloads in the United States and over 2 billion downloads worldwide and is

currently ranking number one in the app store. Although it was created for social networking purposes, Tik-Tok has grown to become a platform used for many subjects, thus allowing its influence to feed into other topics. Professor Ken Eisenstein recognized this influence and how it relates to film, especially to older film genres and avant-garde films, leading to his decision to create one of the University's newest courses, Home Viewing: Tik-Tok.

This course focuses on the connection between what one considers to be their home and how cinema relates to and interacts with this idea. "The class will also take up an eternal problem: if home is where the heart is, can our eyes ever really have it? Is it possible to fully see our most immediate quotidian surroundings, or those that live in them with us?"

Professor Eisenstein is also drawing on more classic films within the course to provide students with the foundational context as well as display how historical cinema can relate to a modern-day app. Yet another layer to this course is how avant-garde films play a role in these relationships. "Another section of the course has to do with the public exhi-

tion of pornography in movie theatres in the early 1970s. This unusual screening situation links to issues that arise in my field of research: American avant-garde film. Filmmakers from Andy Warhol, to Stan Brakhage, to Carolee Schneemann, to Bob Huot all

ate this course. "In fact, our two-course required history sequence ended with the year 1960. I don't say this critically at all. This was back in the early 2000s and since then much more media

versus a 3-hour film which I found really interesting to think about," Kolstad said.

As mentioned, the class watches and analyzes a range of historical and avant-garde films offered at the campus theater, such as "Boogie Nights", "Playtime", "Playhouse", "Stars' Estates", "Rear Window", and "Adam's Rib".

Studies has come into that program and the field in general, so in some ways, my desire to teach the course was as a way of keeping up with newer developments," Professor Eisenstein said.

Throughout the semester, Professor Eisenstein hopes students will discover more about the close relationship between film and media, particularly in relation to the history of film. Another goal of the course is that students will have developed the skills to research and argue about films and media in a scholarly manner by the end of the semester.

Senior Josie Kolstad reflected on what led her to register for the course and what she's enjoyed from the course so far this semester. "I took it because I spend a lot of time using Tik-Tok so the name was catchy to me but through Professor Eisen-

stein showing us Tik-Toks and asking our opinions on them, [we learned] how they parallel and sometimes use similar techniques and themes as classic films that we watch in class. It's been interesting to think of Tik-Tok more so as short films than just random videos. He's also instilled that the length of a film has no real salience of it like with a 10 second Tik-Tok

film. Parker '23 had different motivations when signing up for the course. "I am double majoring in Political Science and English: Film and Media Studies, so this class goes to my major. I think most people decided to take this class because of how intriguing it was to have the name Tik-Tok in the title of the course," Parker said. She also explained how although the Home Viewing: Tik-Tok does discuss the app itself, it goes beyond to talk how the app relates to other forms of visual media. "We really do not focus a lot on Tik-Tok but more on the platform itself and how virality manifests itself within the app. We spend a lot of class time discussing the intersections of various platforms, such as Tik-Tok, home movies, fiction movies, and other forms of media to see how they all relate to one another. We have been given the opportunity to look at many hands-on examples, such as looking at vintage film cameras, the first machines created to present media, and watching 16mm film screenings. These hands-on experiences are very valuable and engaging. As a film major, I find this class to be a great supplement to many of the introductory film courses I've taken, such as Film and Media History, which overlaps with some topics we have discussed in this class," Parker said.

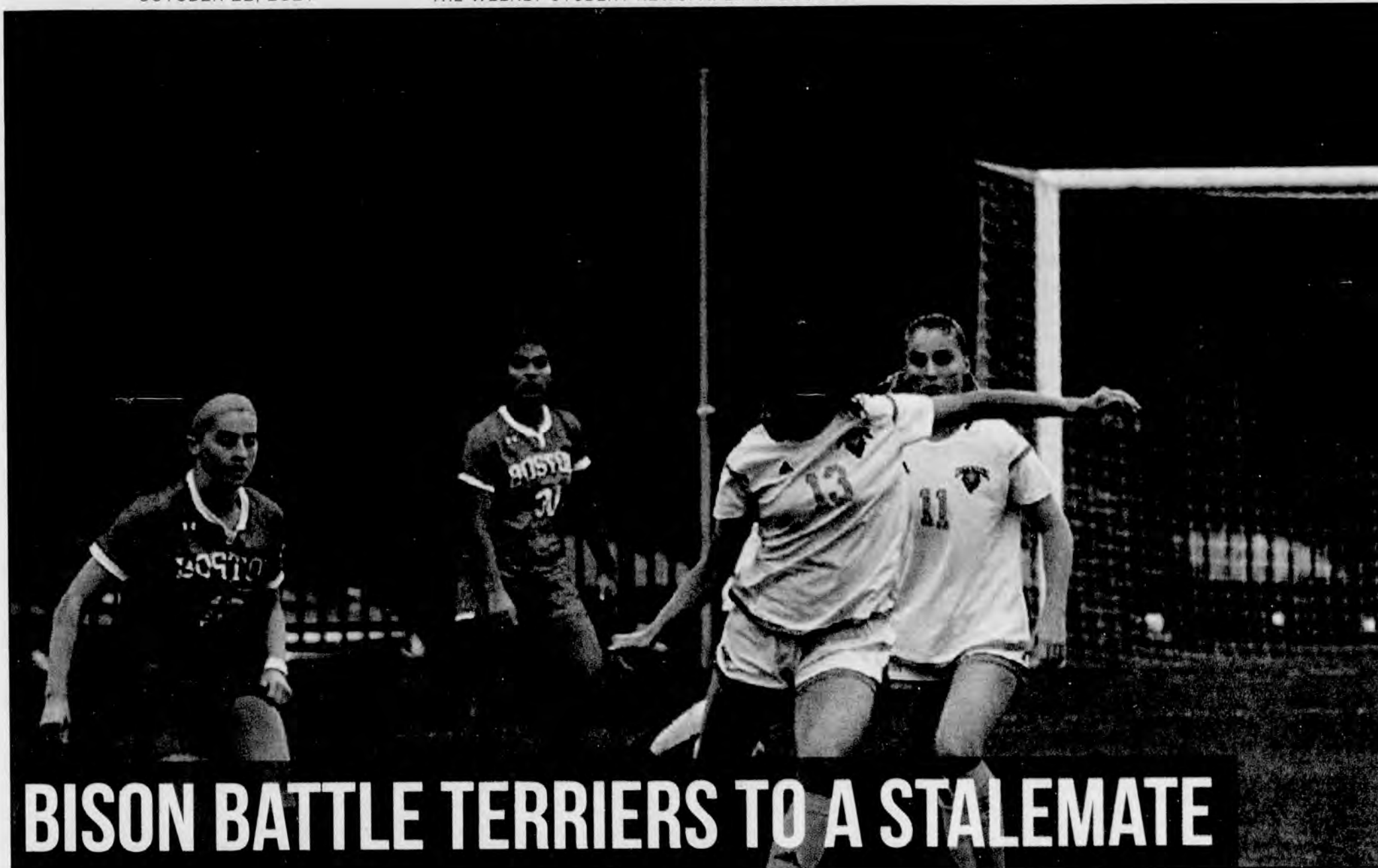
As course registration quickly approaches for the spring of 2022, make sure to look out for Home Viewing: Tik-Tok to learn a bit more about how your favorite social media platform may play into other visual media forms.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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VS ARMY ON OCT. 23 AT 4PM

FIELD HOCKEY

VS COLGATE ON OCT. 22 AT 7PM

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

VS BINGHAMTON ON OCT 23 AT 1PM

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

VS BINGHAMTON ON OCT 23 AT 1PM

FOOTBALL

VS GEORGETOWN ON OCT 23 AT 1PM

Laurel McHale
Staff Writer

The Bison and Boston University Terriers competed in a thriller this past Saturday. The match ended in a 2-2 draw. Bucknell is now 4-1-2 in Patriot League play (7-6-3 overall) after its second tie of the week.

The Bison controlled the first half, outshooting the Terriers 11-2. Abby Gearheart '23 found the back of the net in the 25th minute for the first

goal of the game. Kenar Gelman '24 one-timed a left-footed pass down the left sideline, playing Teresa Deda '25 into acres of space. Deda sent in a low cross to Gearhart, who flashed across the edge of the 6-yard box and redirected the ball across the line.

With just over 4 minutes into the second half, the Terriers scored to tie the game up. Jenna Hall '24 made a good save to

deny the Terriers in the 70th minute. Soon after Deda won the ball back in the center of the park, reversed field and found Gearhart ahead. Gearhart took two touches and let it fly from outside the box, finding the top left corner for her second of the game and fifth of the season.

Boston University answered, the last goal coming with 2:31 left in

regulation, to secure a 2-2 draw and maintain its two-point lead atop the standings.

Deda now stands alone in second place on Bucknell's single-season assist chart. She is only the second Patriot League player in the last 15 years to record double-digit assists in a season.

Gearheart has high hopes for the last regular season games, as she said "I thought the team

in general played really well against Boston even in the crazy weather conditions. It gives us a lot of motivation going forward into these next two games because when we play our game we can dominate."

The Bison finish up Patriot League regular season play with two away games. This Friday at Army and then Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Lehigh.

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Bison perfect in opening weekend

Justin Schaumberger
Sports Co-Editor

Both the men and women's swimming and diving teams opened their season this past weekend with a pair of victories on the road. The men defeated Holy Cross (178-111) and Boston University (177-123), and the women beat Holy Cross (175-117) and Boston University (163-137) as well. Overall it was a great opening weekend for the teams.

The Bison began the weekend on Friday in Worcester, Mass. against Holy Cross. Both the men and women dominated on their way to decisive victories via 11 individual victories and one relay win each. For the women, the 11 victories were by 11 different individuals. Alexandra Ritorto '23 won the 100 breaststroke and Abby Doss '24 won the 200 breaststroke. Sophia Donati '23, Alexis Faria '22, and Kayla Lichtner '24 swept the freestyle competitions for the Bison winning the 50, 100, and 200 meter races respectively. Gina Hinthorn '25 won the 1-meter dive and Kendall Luecke '25 won the 500 freestyle in their first collegiate competitions. Esme Hunter '24 came in first in the 100 backstroke, Kate Gottwald '24 won the 3-meter dive, and Sabrina Vumbacco '23 won the 200 butterfly. Maddie Hartigan '22 continued her impressive Bison career by setting

the new Hart Center Pool record in the 1,000 freestyle. The relay team of Meghan Taner '22, Catherine Craig '23, Faria and Donati also set the pool record in the 200 medley.

The men's team set three pool records as well. Leo Kuyl '23 finished in 21.31 seconds in the 50 freestyle, John Gehrig '24 won the 100 butterfly in record time, and the 200 medley team of Chris Fabian '24, Ryaan Hatoum '23, Liam Pitt '22, and Kuyl finished in 1:33.75. Will Cadwallder '22 swept the diving events. Christian Stef '23 and Garrett Kiesel '23 won the 100 and 1,000 freestyle competitions. The Bison also won both the 100 and 200 meter backstroke competitions thanks to Sam Sweeney '22 and Sean Quinn '22. Chris Kopac '25 won the 200 freestyle and Justin DiSanto '25 won the 100 breaststroke in their first competitions for the Orange and Blue.

The Bison dominance continued over into Saturday as they traveled to Boston to take on Boston University. While the men did not set any more pool records, they still cruised to a victory on the back of eight individual victories and two medley wins. Kuyl won two competitions for the Bison, the 50 and 100 meter freestyles. Fabian, Pitt, Kopac, Kiesel and Gehrig won their second competitions in as many days winning the 100 backstroke, 100 butterfly, 500 freestyle, 200

backstroke, and 200 butterfly respectively. Andy Dorsel '25 finished first in his first collegiate race by winning the 200 individual medley. The Bison also won the 200 medley with a team of Sweeney, Hatoum, Pitt and Kuyl and the 400 freestyle with a team of Kuyl, Fabian, Kopac and Gehrig.

The women also beat Boston University on the back of nine individual victories and one relay win. Hartigan won both the 100 and 200 freestyles competitions to give her three individual victories on the young season. Vumbacco, 500 freestyle and 1,000 freestyle, and Faria, 100 butterfly and 200 butterfly, also won two competitions each. Doss came in first in the 200 individual medley and Craig won the 200 breaststroke. Liz Dokina '25 won her first collegiate competition in the 100 breaststroke. The Bison also won the 400 freestyle relay with a team of Lichtner, Ritorto, Donati and Hartigan.

Both teams will look to continue their undefeated ways as they have their first home meet of the season. They will take on Binghamton on Oct. 23 at 1 p.m.

"It is our first home duel meet and one of only three meets we have at home this year," stated Sam Miller '22. "The home crowd will definitely provide an easy environment for us to bring the energy and enthusiasm to back up our training."

Men's Soccer Falls to Holy Cross on Road 4-1

Rylee Donaldson
Contributing Writer

The Orange and Blue traveled to Worcester, Massachusetts to face off against top league opponent Holy Cross. The Bison lost by a score of 4-1 as the Crusaders never trailed in the match. The team fell to 4-8-2 overall and 2-3-1 in Patriot League play.

Jameson Railey '23 recorded his first goal of the season to bring the game back to even after Holy Cross scored first. His goal came in the 64th minute. The Crusaders answered back just 90 seconds later to keep the lead midway through the second half.

The play in the first half fell more towards the Crusaders, but the Bison held strong and kept them scoreless until the final minute of the half. Holy Cross put away a goal with just 27 seconds left until intermission.

Jameson Railey's goal was not the only action seen in the 64th minute. Holy Cross goalkeeper Jimmy Joyce was sent off

with a red card offense during this play as well.

With just 10 men on the field, the Crusaders responded quickly to Railey's goal and scored just 64 seconds apart to return and extend the lead. The goal came in the 87th minute just three minutes before the end of regulation to make the final score 4-1.

Bennett Schwartz '23 made three saves for the Orange and Blue, who were outshot 18-6.

"We held them for a while and felt confident that we could gain momentum going into the second half. Jameson's goal came at a great time, but we broke down a little bit after that. We are going to keep moving forward and improving for our next games and put this one behind us," Captain MJ Kuczara '24 said.

The Bison have just three more regular season games, two of them at home on Emmitt Varsity Soccer Field. The Boston Terriers will visit Emmitt Field next Saturday at 12 p.m.

Big Weekend for Bison Cross Country

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Sports Co-Editor

On Friday Oct. 15, a portion of the Bison cross country squad competed in the Garnet race at Florida State University. Michael Donnelly '24 posted the Orange and Blue's best individual performance on the day, placing 194th in a group of over 300 runners. Behind Donnelly, several other Bison contributed strong performances including Brendan O'Toole '22 (203rd, 24:58.4), Samuel Whitaker '23 (238th, 25:20.4), Harry Marson '25 (250th, 25:31.2) and Ryan Miele '22 (263rd, 25:39.7).

The Bison men also qualified for the seeded

race at the meet. The Orange and Blue placed 39th against extremely stiff competition, including Northern Arizona (64), Colorado (128), Arkansas (128), BYU (131), and Notre Dame (203) in the top five.

Ashlyn Ramos '22 led the Bison women's squad at the Garnet race, finishing ninth (21:08.7) out of 194 runners at the meet. Ramos earned Patriot League weekly recognition for her performance.

The Orange and Blue earned the 14th overall spot, behind top five teams Tennessee (67), Texas (122), Florida State (152), Northern Arizona (169) and Utah (195).

At the Leopard Invite on Saturday, Noah Martin '23 captured individual honors for the Bison men. Martin completed the 8k in 25:43.65, placing first in a group of dominant Bison runners. The Orange and Blue placed first in the team portion of the meet, with a total of 21 points on the day.

The women's cross country squad also took home the title at the Leopard Invitational with a total of 34 points.

Both the men and women are looking to focus their efforts on the upcoming Patriot League Championships being held at Lehigh during the end of October.

Bison Football Return to Lewisburg Empty-Handed

Brooke Tracey
Contributing Writer

The Bison Football team travelled to the Bronx, New York on Saturday, Oct. 16 to face off against in-conference rival, Fordham University. The Orange and Blue did not leave the city with the result they were looking for, falling in a tough defeat with a score of 66-21. The Bison fall to 1-5 on the season, and 0-2 in Patriot League play.

It only took the Rams four drives to find the end zone. Another touchdown followed for Fordham a little over two minutes later, but the Bison responded on a two-yard touchdown run from running back Jared Cooper '22. The Orange and Blue closed out the first

quarter trailing by a score of 21-7.

The second quarter proved to be a struggle for the Bison, as they gave up four touchdowns and a field goal. Just under halfway through the quarter rookie running back Rushawn Baker '25 scored the first touchdown of his career. The Bison went into halftime, behind 45-14.

The Orange and Blue continued to battle in the third quarter. While they did not convert any points themselves, they held Fordham to only one touchdown. The Bison entered the fourth quarter trailing 52-14. Sophomore running back Danny Meuser closed out the Bison's scoring with a five-yard touchdown, after conceding two more touchdowns to

the Rams.

Sophomore kicker Ryan Schatzel responds to the loss with an optimistic mindset: "Regardless of the outcome, [he] admires how hard [the team] fought against the very experienced team that Fordham has" and feels there are many "positives to take away from the game, and will look to build upon them in games going forward," Schatzel said.

While this was surely not the result the Bison were hoping for, they return to Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium at the Pascucci Family Athletics Complex on Saturday, Oct. 23 in a conference matchup against Georgetown. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

Volleyball falls to Colgate

Emily Doyle
Senior Writer

The Orange and Blue played at Colgate in Hamilton, New York on Oct. 16. The Bison and Colgate battled through four sets, with the Raiders able to take the victory 3-1 over the Bison. The Bison put up a strong fight and almost forced a fifth set. At one point in the fourth set, the Bison were up 24-23. Even though the Bison put up a strong fight, Colgate finished out the set with three consecutive points allowing them to win.

Three of the Bison players finished with double-digit kills. They included

Catherine Jamison '24, who finished with 13 kills, Lisa Zoch '23, who finished with 12 kills, and Libby Nieporte '24, who finished with 11 kills. The Bison hit .234 for the match while Colgate hit .267. Colgate also held a 16-6 advantage in blocks, and the Bison led 6-5 in service aces. Throughout the match, the Bison took advantage of every opportunity they could to gain a point, but sadly lost to Colgate in the end.

Many Bison players contributed to the board during the Colgate match. Sophomore setter Sarah Ramirez led the Bison with a match-high 38 assists. She also added three block assists and one

block solo. Freshman libero, Jordan Hardy posted 13 digs.

"The team showed that when you support one another whether you're losing or winning, incredible things can happen. We never gave up and made sure everyone felt supported and cheered on through the entire match. Colgate is one of the best teams in the league and we were able to keep up a great fight against them," Vittoria Sottani '22 said.

The Bison will host Holy Cross and Army West Point at Davis Gym this upcoming weekend. Holy Cross will be Friday Oct. 22 and Army West Point will play Saturday Oct. 23.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Rylee Donaldson '23



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SOCCER PROFILE

HOMETOWN: ALLENTOWN, PA

HIGH SCHOOL: SALISBURY

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Senior Writer

The Bison women's soccer team is tied for second in the league this season with a real potential to bring home the championship thanks to forward Rylee Donaldson '23. The junior currently leads the league in goals scored with nine on the season, six of them occurring in conference games. This season, Donaldson has started all 15 games thus far contributing 19 points from the nine goals as well as an assist in their close game against Monmouth University early in the season. Two of her goals came in one game which highly contributed to the Bison's 4-2 win over conference rival, Navy.

This fall season has proved to be a winning one with a 7-6-3 overall record and a 4-1-2 conference record. Donaldson certainly loves her team and has high hopes for the remainder of the season.

"This season has been a big one for us as a team and we are nowhere near finished. We have amazing chemistry off the field and it translates directly into our play. The team is very tight

knit and is a culture that I am proud to be a part of. Everyone shows up to practice to get better every day and the hard work is a huge part of our success this season," Donaldson said.

While this season has been Rylee's most accomplished one, the forward has always been a crucial member of the team. In her freshman campaign, she saw the field in all 18 of the games and started two, scoring a goal in a match against Lehigh and supplying an assist for the game-winner against Towson. In her abbreviated sophomore season, the junior started three out of the four games.

Donaldson has really stepped into a leadership role in this 2021 season and she credits this to the hard work she has put in.

"I worked super hard over the summer to prepare for this season, and I felt ready to come in and help my team be successful. Our offense this season has really come together, and it starts all the way from our defense through the midfield and front line. The combination play has been great and my teammates have put me in really dangerous spots to get the ball in

the back of the net. It's been awesome scoring goals, but the best part is getting wins and having success as a team," Donaldson said.

The Bison have certainly been scoring goals and earning wins all season. They go head-to-head with conference opponent Army this Friday in West Point, where Donaldson will likely once again make a major impact.

CAREER STATS

36 GAMES
PLAYED
20 GAMES
STARTED
1823 MINUTES
PLAYED
10 GOALS
2 ASSISTS
64 SHOTS ON
GOAL

Men's Golf Brings Home Team & Individual Gold

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Contributing Writer

The Bison men's golf team traveled to Woodmont, Md. this past weekend to compete at the Howard Bison Invitational hosted by Howard University. The field included 7 teams: William & Mary, Princeton, Towson, Howard, MD Eastern Shore, Virginia Union and North Carolina Central. It was worth the three hour drive, as the boys brought home both the team and individual title, both by one stroke.

Jackson Bussell '23, posted a total final score of 8-over 224, edging the rest of the field by one stroke. One thing that separated Bussell from the rest of the field was not only his lead, but the fact that he broke his driver during the practice round on Friday. He battled through the weekend using a driver that was not his own, but what led to his victory was that he was "putting really well on tough and fast greens (stimping 13-14)," Bussell said. This is Bussell's second indi-

vidual title of his collegiate career.

Contributing to the Bison's team title was Blake Wisdom '23, who shot a final round of 76, leading him to a top-10 finish. Michael Rudnick '24 and Jack Gardner '23 both shot 80 in the final round. Jason Lohwater '22 and Rudnick tied for 13th with Gardner right behind in a tie for 18th.

The Bison will be traveling to Bethlehem, Pa. this weekend for the Lehigh Invitational at Saucon Valley Country Club.

BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

Las Vegas Raiders Coach Jon Gruden Forced to Resign over Email

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Jon Gruden, former coach of NFL's Las Vegas Raiders, was forced to resign as Head Coach after the results of an investigation into emails he had sent between 2010 and 2018 were made public. He was found to have exhibited racist, homophobic, and misogynistic behavior and language repeatedly.

Gruden, who had coached the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to Super Bowl success in 2002 and had coached the

Raiders in two spells, first from 1998 to 2001, then from 2018 until his resignation, was exposed during an investigation into workplace misconduct. His contract with the Raiders was due to last ten years and was worth \$100 million.

Some examples of his conduct include the use of homophobic language, like referring to former Los Angeles Rams and Dallas Cowboys player Michael Sam as "a q---r" and calling NFL commissioner

Roger Goodell the f-slur and an "anti football p---y." He was also found to have used a racial stereotype against DeMaurice Smith, the executive director of the NFL Players Association, when he described his lips as being "the size of Michelin tires." Gruden was also found to have sent explicit photos of NFL cheerleaders.

The thousands of emails include several more examples of Gruden showing very few boundaries with his

language and topics over the years.

The emails were uncovered during an investigation that did not directly involve Gruden. In 2019, the NFL conducted an inquiry into sexual harassment, bullying, and intimidation reports at the Washington Football Team, which included emails between Gruden, Washington Football Team president Bruce Allen and others. Gruden and Allen had worked together previously at the

Buccaneers. The investigation uncovered more than 650,000 emails from 2010 to 2018, and further investigation in the past few months exposed Gruden's conduct. During this period, Gruden also worked on ESPN as an analyst.

After the contents of the emails were exposed and reports by the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times were released in early October, he resigned on Oct. 11, stating that he did "not want to be a

distraction" in a public statement. He also went on to say that he "never meant to hurt anyone" in the same statement.

The Raiders went on to win their first game since Gruden's resignation in a 34-24 defeat of the Denver Broncos on Oct. 17. While the football world goes on, this episode will likely not be forgotten quickly and shows the NFL's crack-down on these kinds of offenses, where some have criticized for being too lenient in the past.

Bison Mens' Water Polo Comes Out 2-1 in an Important Weekend of Away Games

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Contributing Writer

The Bison men's water polo team had an important series of games this past weekend, facing off against both George Washington and Navy on Saturday before playing Johns Hopkins on Sunday. The Bison came out of the weekend 2-1, putting up wins against GW and Johns Hopkins but losing against Navy by a narrow margin.

On Saturday morning, the team went up against the George Washington Colonials. The Colonials took the lead early on, going up 4-1 with 4:29 remaining in the first quarter. The Bison came back with two points before the end of the first, with both Hasan Mogultay '25 and Andu Vlasceanu '24 netting goals to make it 4-3. The two teams battled through the second quarter until the score was tied at 5-5. Each team scored twice in the final three minutes of the second quarter, with Josh Yardley '22 scored the remaining two goals for the Bison to tie it up 7-7 at half. The Orange and Blue dominated in the third quarter, going up 11-7 with goals from Ethan Jones '24, Jack Lewis '23, Doruk Ozar '24, and Vlasceanu. The Colonials continued to push back in the fourth quarter, challenging the Bison through the end and scoring three more goals. The score was close, 11-10, with just 2:29 remaining. Keeper Adrien Touzot '23 stood out with his season-high 12 saves to protect the net for the Bison. The defense held strong and the Bison managed to preserve their lead and score 3 more goals before the

end of the match, winning 14-10 against George Washington.

Later that evening, the Bison men faced off against Navy in a very close match. Neither the Bison nor the Mids went up by more than three goals at any points throughout this well-matched competition. The first quarter started off very defensive, as each team scored only one goal. The Bison went up in the second quarter, 4-2, as a result of goals from J. Yardley, Walker Butler '24, and Vlasceanu. However, Navy fought back and netted three goals in the last two minutes of the second quarter to make it 5-4 at halftime. In the third quarter, Navy continued to dominate and put up more points, increasing their lead to 7-4. The Bison fought back, coming within one goal of the Mids lead multiple times, but were ultimately unsuccessful in taking back the lead from their opponents. With about two minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Bison had an exciting opportunity to pull ahead after tying up the game 10-10 with two goals from J. Yardley and Jones. However, Navy came out triumphant after netting the game-winning goal with about 1:53 remaining in the match, making the score 11-10 in favor of the Mids.

On Sunday, the team faced off against Johns Hopkins and concluded the weekend with a win. The Bison got on the board first, scoring seven points by five different players in the second quarter: Lewis, J. Yardley, Jones, Mogultay and Ozar. The Blue Jays retaliated with a goal with 4:41 left

in the second quarter, but Ozar quickly responded by scoring again to keep the seven-goal lead. Vlasceanu scored twice to end the second quarter, making the score 10-2 by halftime. In the second half, the Bison continued dominating, putting up eight more points to take the game 18-9. There were many contributors to the win, as six different players scored three or more points in this match. Lewis and Vlasceanu both stood out, scoring four goals each to lead the Bison to victory. J. Yardley contributed with three goals and three assists while Touzot put up a season record in saves (for the second day in a row), shutting down 14 shots and adding 2 steals to the scoresheet.

"This weekend was tough in terms of how much traveling we had to do, but I think we handled it really well. We started off by beating GW - who we lost to at the beginning of the season - so the team was happy that it seems like we are getting better and the things we worked on helped us get that win. At Navy, it was a really great game, going back and forth the whole way... we were a little unlucky to lose by one in the end, but we are looking forward to playing them again so we can rectify that. And Johns Hopkins was just a good game to end the weekend on a high with a big win before we head to California this weekend," center defender Liam Stott '24 said.

Next weekend, the team looks forward to traveling to California and competing in four games as a part of the Julian Frasier Memorial.

The Bison Field Hockey Team had a Competitive Weekend

Hannah Stuck
Contributing Writer

The Orange and Blue field hockey team had a pair of games this weekend, going 1-1 in the weekend. The Bison beat the Lehigh Mountain Hawks 6-1 on Saturday at Graham Field, but fell on Senior Day against nationally ranked Kent State on Sunday by a score of 2-1. The Bison now sit at 7-7 overall and 3-1 in Patriot League play.

The Bison scored on four of five penalty corner attempts after the Mountain Hawks took a 1-0 lead early in the competition. Six unanswered goals were scored, led by Noor Kaur '23 having a program record of five assists within one match.

Also contributing to the Bison win, Lily Neilson '25 had her second hat trick of the season, and Mackenzie Kile '23 recorded three as-

sists. Grace McEvoy '22 also recorded her first career goal.

"The weather was a really big challenge for us. It made it a lot more difficult for us to connect passes. I thought it was really special to get a win on senior night and I think we really have a chance to win the Patriot League again this year," Kari Melberger '24 said.

Goalie Clara McCormick '23 finished the match with four saves, leading the Bison to the win.

The Bison hosted an out of conference match against No. 24 Kent State on Sunday, while celebrating Senior Day. The seven seniors were celebrated in a ceremony before the match began.

Kent State was the fifth ranked opponent the Orange and Blue have faced this year. It was a scoreless first quarter between the Bison and the

Golden Flashes.

The Bison led the game 10-4 in shots and 5-0 in penalty corners, but the Bison gave up two goals in the second quarter of play.

Erin Zielinski '22 scored her first career goal with about 10 minutes to go in the fourth quarter to make the score 2-1.

The Bison had one more corner attempt and three more shots in the final nine minutes of play, but were unable to tie the game before the final whistle sounded.

The Orange and Blue host Colgate on Friday Oct. 22 in another Patriot League contest to determine their postseason rankings going into playoffs. The Bison have already clinched a postseason spot following their victory over the Lehigh Mountain Hawks on Saturday.

Orange and Blue finish strong in final round of Lady Blue Hen Invitational

Charlotte Dursee
Contributing Writer

The Bison women's golf team traveled to Rehoboth Beach Country Club to take part in the Lady Blue Hen Invitational this past weekend. In the final round of the fall season they placed 12th overall, and had a team score of 321.

On the first day of the invitational, Viveka Kurup '25 shot the Bison's best score of the day, 78. After 36 holes, the Bison fell to 12th place, right behind Fairleigh Dickinson.

"Our team didn't play as well as we had hoped but the conditions were super tough. The wind was blowing at like 20/30 mph and that made the course about 10 times harder

especially when the wind was blowing towards certain hazards on the course," Kurup said.

The Bison were led by Sahana Paravantavida '23 who shot a 2-over-par 74 in the final round of the invitational. Paravantavida started off the second day with a par-birdie, which was then followed by two more par-birdies and three straight bogeys. For the third time in her career, she shot a 74, along with four other players at the invitational. Out of the 72 players present at the invitational, Paravantavida was tied for third best performance of the day.

Other contributors to the Bison's successful finish include Tara Thomas

'25 (80), Sun Woo Jeon '22 (83), Kurup (84), Kelsey Yi '24 (88) and Tatum Mckelvey '23, who shot an 80 as an individual.

The Bison finished the final round of the invitational with their best score of the weekend. Despite not getting the finish they expected, Kurup said, "It was a super fun experience and as much as I wish the conditions were a little easier I think we collectively learned a lot about our game through playing in that environment."

The 12th place finish for the Blue and Orange marks the end of their fall season. They will resume play next year, in Feb. 2022.

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The Virtue of Nonprofits

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The 2020 Presidential Election held the highest voter turnout by percentage than any other election since 1900. With both candidates topping 2008 Obama's record-setting 69.5 million votes, Biden clocked in at a whopping 81.2 million votes. The tension, widespread campaigning and controversial political arena at the time resulted in a chart-topping election despite the restrictions of COVID-19. The demographic that made this possible was young voters; but specifically non-white voters who have not held a college degree. The lesson learned by strategists from both the 2016 and 2020 elections was to target voters who do not usually vote. "Fair-weather" voters typically do not hold party loyalty, are less swayed by the history of political parties and are more likely to vote on "bread-and-butter" political issues directly affecting their lives. Therefore, they are more easily influenced by often misinformative political campaigning and hot-button issues. Both Democrats and Republicans are responsible for influencing these demographics; but all too often by making promises they cannot keep. Non-profit organizations such as NextGen America market

themselves as looking to mitigate these — sometimes bordering on unethical — campaign tactics and preserve a holistic view of the American electorate. Among this reasoning, many programs also seek to maintain the high voter turnout seen in the 2020 election in the absence of ad hoc contributing factors such as Black Lives Matter, the COVID-19 recession and Trump's impeachment.

With just over a year until the 2022 midterm elections, NextGen is looking to register 288,000 new voters across the country. In order to achieve this mission, the organization has budgeted over \$32 million to engage specifically young voters, increasing voter accessibility. "I think we've won a lot already with the power and turnout of young voters. But ultimately what we care about at NextGen is delivering on real change," NextGen Executive Director Cristina Tzintzun Ramirez said, sending a direct message to any legislator who is trying to 'cling to the past' of broad voter disengagement. While NextGen currently operates in eight states — Texas, Arizona, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Michigan, Wisconsin and Nevada — with a mission to both inform and mobilize voters, Ramirez seems particularly keen on Texas voters. "As one of the youngest states in the coun-

try," Ramirez notes, "young people in Texas have the power to determine an entirely new direction not just for our home state, but the nation. If the legislature of Texas actually enacted the will of young Texans we wouldn't be banning abortion, we wouldn't be trying to build a useless border wall and we wouldn't be passing voter suppression bills." Such remarks seem particularly partisan coming from a non-profit organization with such a simple mission — to 'inform' and 'mobilize.'

That these nonprofits are looking to generate a more representative and diverse voting population within our American democracy is, of course, morally just. But to what extent is theirs a moral justification? With a budget of \$32 million and an executive looking to invest in generating left-leaning turnout, it is clear money still speaks volumes in our nation's politics. However, if this money — looking to 'recruit' your vote — succeeds in providing higher voter turnout, then the methodology is self-justifying. Our nation is still tasked with educating all voters to look beyond the marketing materials being handed to them (either Democrat or Republican) to gain a comprehensive understanding of the candidates and vote within their best interests.

Is Leaving Social Media Worth it?

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Since the start of the pandemic, online connections have continued to expand, becoming a daily part of most young people's lives. With a simply slide and tap of your finger, you are opened into a world of social interaction. There are many benefits of using social media. Families and friends can stay connected at times when distance separates them, and online dating has become a popular trend for those who prefer virtual interaction to physical settings. Logging onto social media each day, particularly Instagram and Facebook, has strengthened many relationships. However at the same time, such media has contributed to some of society's biggest problems. Feelings of isolation, a lack of emotional connection and a decline in social skills have all been reported problems linked to the widespread increase in usage of social media. As individuals living in a digital society, the question for us largely comes down to: are you going to stay with the trend, or leave social media forever to make a statement about living a screen-free life?

With national quaran-

tine compelling millions to fill long, idle hours with screen-time, many, particularly women, were greatly affected by social media and its impact on self esteem and body image. Watching Tiktok stars and seeing posts on Facebook applauding women in small bikinis or clothing correlated with an increase in the rate at which women in the United States developed eating disorders. The prevalence of unrealistic beauty standards on social media can cause young women to believe that they are not beautiful, muscular or skinny enough to post what others do on the internet. Women across the country have now grown accustomed to watching and celebrating those who edit their bodies in pictures on the internet. Psychotherapist F. Diane Barth shared with NBC News, "While Facebook and Instagram do promote unrealistic body images, many advertisers and more traditional media forms have been doing the same thing for decades — way before the rise of social media."

Social media has helped many teens facing depression and anxiety stay connected and reach out to peers during lockdowns, but do the effects of its overuse warrant giving up social media

altogether? Many Facebook users have opined that deleting the app will disconnect them from the world. Others continue to open Facebook to look back on their past memories — whether with an ex, an old friend or family members. It seems that as a society we are addicted to these social media applications, precisely what their creators want most. With each update, we become more and more attached to our phones. Snapchat (a significant culprit of cultivating "addictive" social media) witnessed a huge uptick in the amount of times users logged on each day.

To address the elephant in the room: many people want to leave social media, but few actually can. It will take a majority of the population to leave social media to make a change. Barth ends her discussion with NBC News with her statement, "The decision to leave Facebook is as complicated as the decision to end a long term friendship — again, the irony isn't lost." Leaving anything that you at one point thought was necessary or important is always hard, but it is time to make a change as a society to resolve the many issues that come with social media.

How to let down an American generation

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Before taking office, President Biden proposed an extensive plan which he promised would help revitalize an economy hindered by the continuing pandemic, evolve the country's systems of infrastructure and promote policies and industries that would theoretically benefit the working class. While the first part of his sweeping endeavor — the American Rescue Plan Act signed in March of this year — expanded unemployment benefits while also providing stimulus checks to millions of citizens, the rest of his economic package has been met with rigorous opposition from Congress and left few prospects for the Biden administration to realize its economic vision.

The gridlock pervading the House and Senate has meant that necessary initiatives are refused, whether they are perceived as disagreeable on their own or because the packaged plan also includes less-than-favorable "rider" policies. The current Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, a bill with trace elements of Biden's Build Back Better Plan, was passed by the Sen-

ate, but received pushback in the House.

The current divide in Congress concerns the Biden investment plan, the centerpiece of which is a \$3.5 trillion package that would provide funding for renewable energy initiatives and create thousands of new jobs across the country. It would also expand paid medical and family leave and provide Medicare with greater leverage to reduce the cost of prescription drugs. Though a sweeping package, Biden's bill is under threat of being rejected before it even reaches a vote.

The most difficult opponents to this plan are not necessarily Republicans, who have (predictably) all-but-unanimously rejected the Democrat-led proposal. Both the House and Senate are controlled by members of the Democratic party; even if their majority holds, this massive spending bill need not require the participation of Republicans in Congress by following the process of "budget reconciliation" which only requires a simple majority. So long as Democrats maintain a united front, they can pass the proposed plan. However, that possibility is placed under threat as the more moderate

members of Congress remain steadfast in their resistance and demand debilitating compromises that would severely weaken the effectiveness of the investment plan.

High-profile Congressional holdouts can be found in Arizona's Kyrsten Sinema and West Virginia's Joe Manchin, both Democratic senators that have repeatedly voiced their disagreement with their own party's proposals in the past. Given the fragility of their party's hold in Congress, it is nearly essential to turn their dissent into support, likely why they have quickly garnered central roles in discussions within the Senate, a new reality compounded by their positions in important committees. Manchin himself is a chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which means that his voice carries a particular authority concerning the climate-related elements included in the plan.

It is that much more of a shame, then, to see his insistent desires to slash the \$3.5 trillion price tag of the investment plan by more than half, which would put the many initiatives that he oversees in danger of losing their necessary funding. Some of these

components include tax credits for clean-energy investments, a clean-energy investment program, and incentives to transition towards electric vehicles. With the global climate crisis arguably already upon us, these portions of the investment plan are especially critical for America's future.

So why are senators like Manchin and Sinema still resistant to the investment plan, as well as many of Biden's proposed packages? The price is one concern often raised in response, with its detractors insisting that \$3.5 trillion towards America's services is too high a cost. One might respond that no price is too great since demanded reevaluation, but progressive Democrats have added that methods exist which could more than cover the cost of these expensive plans. While some of them propose raising taxes on high-income households and corporations, it is also important to acknowledge that the investment plan itself will stimulate the economy by adding thousands of new jobs.

But even so, this is simply not sufficient to sway the moderates in Congress, who continually insist that cost is the central issue. Certain

policies are far too grand, too radical, and too sweeping. So Congress is at a standstill, and necessary bills like this continually face the threat of being dead in the water.

I would never deign to question the integrity of senators like Manchin and Sinema, who perhaps do possess a modicum of passion to serve as voices for the citizens of their states. I will, however, raise great concern for their continued involvement with corporations through lobbying investments. Only a few weeks ago, Sinema held a fundraiser that included five business lobbying groups, many of which opposed the investment plan. She has found particular support from pharmaceutical corporations, receiving more than \$27,000 from representative PACs and thousands more from individuals representing "big pharma."

Meanwhile, Manchin has received tens of thousands from lobbyists representing companies ranging from Dominion Energy, Occidental Petroleum, and Exelon Corp. Both senators have received funding from the tobacco industry, a potential response to House Democrats working on a way to hike tobacco and nicotine taxes in an effort to

pay for the bill.

There will be time on another day to talk about the dangerous effects of lobbying in Congress, a deeply worrying encroachment of privatization on the federal government's authority. But for now, suffice it to say only this — this farce has gone on for long enough. Manchin, Sinema and the rest of the dissenting Democratic voices need to stop toying with their newfound power and apply it towards effective plans that will legitimately improve the welfare of the American people and the future of this country. Time and again the United States finds itself in the same position: at the cusp of transformative change, our leaders squander it precisely when their authority matters most.

This is a prime opportunity for moderate voices in Congress to prove that they are not beholden to the demands of corporations and cannot be swayed by thousands of dollars gained through lobbying. The American people deserve better, and they deserve politicians in government who look past their own interests and actually represent their constituents.

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In the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic last year, essential workers were seen as heroes. But as time has gone on, I am starting to question more and more why they are not treated like heroes — because that is exactly what they are. The recent wave of worker strikes and protests has shed light on the poor treatment of workers, and created an increase in support for workers' unions and improved working conditions. But at what cost?

The Wall Street Journal reported that this increase in dissent amongst workers is about more than money alone, as shown by a recent strike by John Deere employees. Even when Deere proposed to increase wages and pension benefits for their employees, workers continued to pressure the company for improved working conditions and negotiating power in over working hours. Workers like these that had to take significant risks throughout the pandemic should not have negative consequences for their decision to remain in the labor force — and now they are fighting back.

The influx of strikes and work stoppages are no coincidence for a few reasons. First, with a large portion of the American

labor force leaving their jobs in recent months, this might allow more leverage for unions to incite change as employers cannot risk losing more workers. The Washington Post also recognizes the added costs that suppliers would have to take on to train new employees, as well as the difficulties that workers who quit or are fired would have to endure in terms of finding jobs with similar or higher wages or simply finding a new job in general. If employers do not want to lose their supply chain, then why aren't they meeting the demands for their workers?

Well, some workers are seeing a positive outcome to their resistance. Particularly, the Washington Post covered the planned strike of over 60,000 Hollywood production workers that would have began yesterday, Oct. 18, if they had not come to an agreement with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers "that guarantees workers meal breaks, weekends and breaks between shifts, plus significant raises."

Even as this example has provided some hope for improved working conditions, the Wall Street Journal notes an overall declining in union membership of almost 10 percent from 1983 to 2020. Many argue this has occurred a result of other avenues for employees to use

their voices and share their frustrations. Lack of broad membership limits the power of individual unions and reduces the efficacy of actions like strikes and sit-downs. I agree that social media platforms have set up a podium for a large audience, and think that the methods which employees can effectively express their concerns will evolve over time, whether for better or for worse. Social media might make it easier to reach a large number of people, but it could be dangerous to express one's frustration as an individual rather than a union. Unions foster community among those feeling alienated and rejected from their role in the workforce, and this community is integral in facilitating strength in numbers. If workers speak out on the internet about their current work conditions, it can be easy for employers to retaliate against them individually, especially with the lack of labor laws that stop employers from punishing employees who speak out individually or even with a union, according to the Wall Street Journal. With better policy surrounding how an employer can retaliate, an increase from the current rates of union membership — and, hopefully, more positive outcomes for the workers that risked so much over the course of the pandemic — is forthcoming.



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Workout Classes on Campus

From Aikido to Zumba

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Academic and personal success stems from not only a healthy mind, but also a healthy body. In order to ensure that every student is able to prioritize their physical health, the University offers a myriad of group fitness classes. No matter the workout type you're looking for (fun, intense, peaceful, etc.), all are available for free in the Kenneth Langone Athletics and Recreation Center. Some of the intense classes offered include Bootcamp, Bison Ride, Warrior Ride, Warrior Sprint, H.I.I.T, Kickboxing, Tabata, Warrior Core, Zumba, and Positive Vibe.

Bootcamp mixes traditional callisthenic and bodyweight exercises with interval training and strength training. The main goal of Bootcamp is to build endurance and support muscle growth. Intensity and energy are at the center of this workout.

Requiring a similar level of adrenaline, the spin classes (Bison Ride/Warrior Ride/Warrior Sprint), are a fun, upbeat and accessible workout for people of all athletic abilities. These workouts consisting of hills and interval training are bound to keep you healthy and in shape.

Yet another type of fitness class available on campus are the variety of H.I.I.T classes. These classes consist of step interval training and use a variety of movement combinations. This kind of high intensity training helps to keep your heart rate elevated and efficiently burns calories, guaranteeing a satisfying workout. Tabata is a type of H.I.I.T class where the interval training is aimed at bringing your heart rate up to a difficult anaerobic zone for short periods

of time. With this kind of workout, you train every energy system in a way that traditional cardio cannot.

Kickboxing is another class that provides a similar effect to a HIIT workout. This non-contact class teaches punching bag techniques to tone and sculpt the body.

Warrior core is another intense way to train the muscles with less of a cardiac commitment. This class is a half hour of intense core work, paired with cardio movement. Despite the intense atmosphere of the class, it is designed and encouraged to all fitness levels. It is set to upbeat music, engaging the core while also introducing the body to new exercises. This class is a great way to fit a quick but challenging workout into your day.

Zumba is a fitness class focused on combining exercise and dance. It is Latin-inspired and combines fast and slow rhythms to tone the body; no dance experience is required and all beginners are welcome! Zumba instructor Maddy Mallory '22 says, "Fitness classes are very relaxed since it's mostly students. A lot of the time I tailor my class to what the people who attend my class want." The instructors for group fitness classes always prioritize the comfort of the attendees, so don't worry about being forced out of your comfort zone. In a similar fashion, the one-hour full body class Positive Vibe (inspired by KAZAXE) is a dance-exercise class that uses a combination of international beats including dancehall, soca, acrobat, and more!

There are also group fitness classes that are more relaxed and restorative. Aikido, Barre Burn, TRX, Total Body

Conditioning (TBC) and various forms of Yoga are all available. If you're looking for a peaceful martial arts class, Aikido is an amazing option. Aikido involves the blending of attacks and collisions, but is done in a dynamic, powerful, and intricate way; this exercise engages the entire body. Barre Burn is another group fitness class option, and it utilizes the ballet barre to perform small, isometric movements that burn fat and sculpt muscles. This activity mainly activates the hips, thighs, glutes, abdominals and arms.

Similar to Barre Burn, TRX is a Suspension Training bodyweight exercise that develops strength, balance, flexibility, and core stability simultaneously. TBC is similar to TRX, in that the main priority is creating efficiency within the body. TBC is a low-impact exercise class that improves balance, coordination, agility and range of motion. The combination of exercise equipment and low-impact cardio has numerous benefits for your overall health.

Lastly, yoga is offered frequently. You can choose to attend yoga during the day, at sunrise, or late at night! Yoga for Mental Health is also a class that is available and specifically catered to relax the mind. By learning guided breathwork, form alignment, strengthening postures, flexibility techniques, and brief meditations, these yoga classes will calm nerves, relieve bodily tension, and settle the mind.

A highly popular fitness class within the University community is Bison Ride. "Every

Monday and Friday afternoon my roommates and I go to spin class. It's a really great addition to our day; the classes always have fun music and a great energy! The spin class that we go to is taught by two instructors that are always singing along and making sure everyone feels comfortable. We always know we will enjoy their class," Emily Gresalfi '23 says.

Another junior, Natalie Paganelli says, "Spin class is the perfect way to get a break from my busy and stressful school work! The instructors are energetic and create a welcoming environment. Having friends to go with makes the whole experience even better!" Workout classes are an amazing way to bond with fellow students, experience new workouts, and release endorphins. "I like the group fitness classes because I don't know what I'm doing in the gym so it's helpful and easy to have an instructor there explaining what to do," Juliette Morris, '23 said.

If you are interested in becoming a fitness instructor, research the requirements for the class you wish to lead. "Getting involved as an instructor is very easy. I got certified to be a Zumba instructor online and practiced a lot on my own before getting hired. It is a great way to build working out into your schedule, to meet new people, and to have a job on campus!" Mallory said. A comprehensive list of the group fitness classes at the University can be found on the Personal Training, Wellness & Group Fitness Programs webpage.

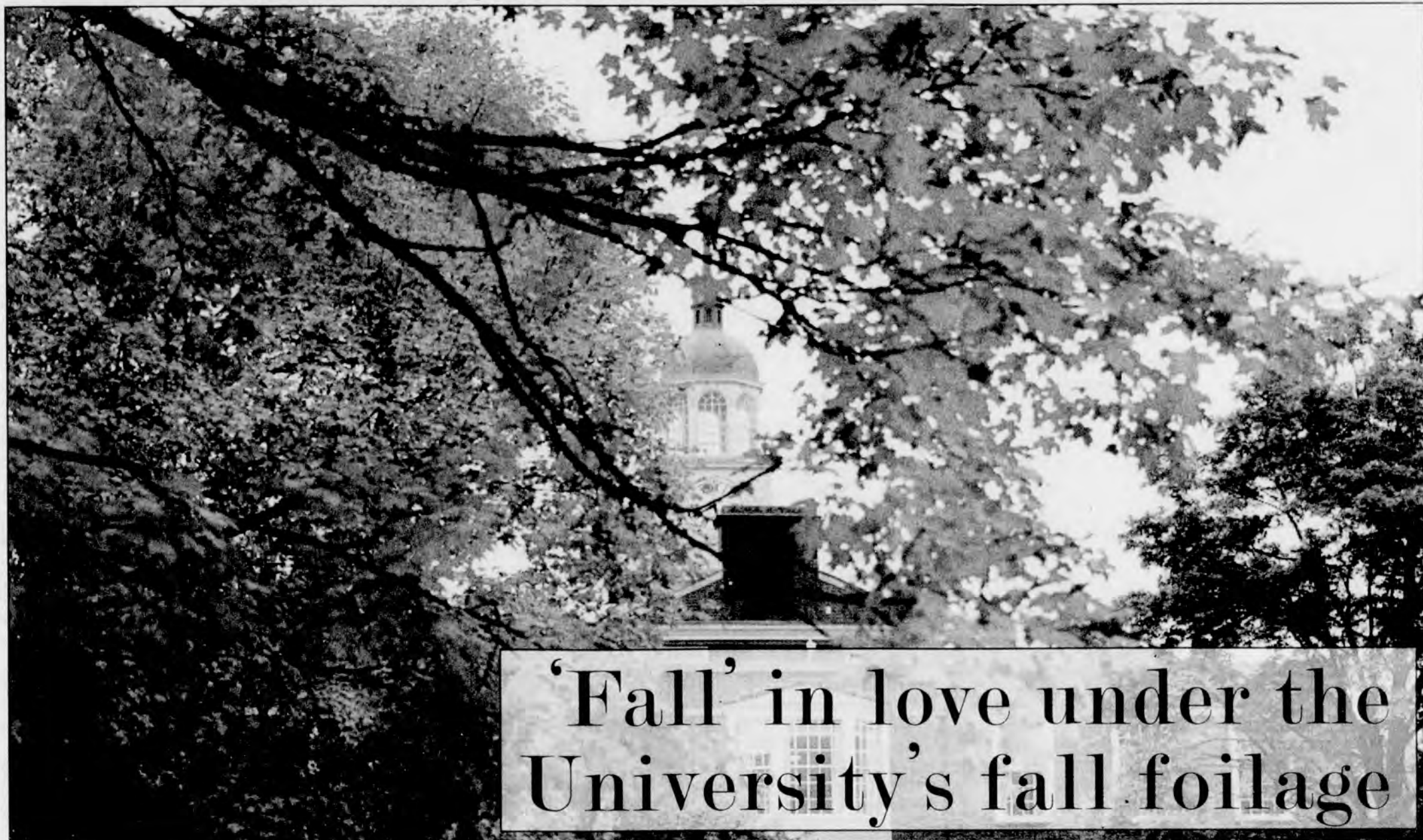


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The University - previously voted second most beautiful college campus in the United States by USA Today in 2017 - is home to incredibly vibrant displays of fall foliage. The University's autumnal transition is not only aesthetically pleasing, but also sets the scene for the Halloween spirit on campus.

As Halloween approaches, students have

been enjoying many fun and spooky Fall activities on campus. In preparation for the holiday, for instance, many clubs, organizations, and residential accommodations have hosted (or are planning to host) Halloween-centered activities. These include pumpkin painting, Veder's Fall Fest, a spooky basket designing event, the Country Fair, ghost stories and more.

To set the tone for Halloween, the Student Gov-

ernment (BSG) hosted a pumpkin painting event for the Class of 2024 on Saturday, Oct. 16. Bernadette Maramis '24, president of the class of 2024, told The Bucknellian about the event. "The pumpkin painting event was a class unity event for the class of 2024," Maramis explained. "Our intentions were to create a comfortable and relaxing space where our class can come together, paint some mini pumpkins, and meet some new friends!"

"We got some donuts and apple cider to coincide with the fall theme," she continued. "The turnout was great-considering that this was a collaborative event with Seventh Street Studio as they were hosting their embroidery pumpkins event. It was so fun!" "Pumpkins!" Maramis added enthusiastically.

On Thursday, Oct. 21 a "make your own spooky basket" event was held at MacDonald Commons. The event reserved materials

for the first 25 people, and students got to enjoy creating their own spooky Halloween baskets.

Friday, Oct. 22 witnessed the arrival of the Country Fair just outside Uptown. The event was hosted by Campus Activities & Programs (CAP) in collaboration with its student-led affiliate (CAP Core), beginning at 8 p.m. The fair featured activities such as a petting zoo, cara-

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L&IT Services wrap up National Cyber Security Awareness Month

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As October comes to an end, so does National Cyber Security Month.

To honor the public awareness campaign set by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the University's Library & Information Technology (L&IT) staff has sent weekly emails detailing casual practices for students and staff to secure their technology through October.

"The annual campaign aims to raise awareness about cyber security best practices and stress the collective effort needed to prevent cyber intrusions and scams," senior specialist of client support Rob Guissanie said in an email on Oct. 5.

The first email sent by Guissanie lists some general practices to minimize the risks of having a home network. These tips include changing default passwords that come with devices, restricting access to the network to certain people, keeping all softwares up to date and protecting the name of your network.

"Each year, L&IT sends out weekly com-

munications to our end users on various topics and themes," information security program manager Brandon Seymour said. "This year, we are focusing on how people can #BeCyberSmart within their personal lives, and at home."

As the emails have progressed through the month, they have also addressed specific issues in the world of cybersecurity.

A second email on Oct. 13 talked about maintaining security in social media, ironically relevant considering the University's official Instagram account was hacked only a week prior to the email. L&IT recommends the University community to update privacy settings consistently and to only connect with trusted people, amongst other things.

The next email in the series, advises campus on how to deal with imposter scams.

"As technology continues to evolve, cybercriminals will use more sophisticated techniques to exploit systems, accounts, and devices to

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Comedian Sal Vulcano coming to campus for Center Stage

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Another comedian is hoping to bring some laughs to the University.

For its annual comedy event, Center Stage is bringing comedian Sal Vulcano, of truTV and Comedy Central's "Impractical Jokers", to campus on Nov. 5, 2021.

Announced via Instagram on Oct. 24, Vulcano will be headlining and bringing with him a surprise opening act.

"This can be a stressful part of the semester and students can attend Center Stage to have a night to laugh and decompress," CORE President Amisha Chhetri '22 said.

Center Stage is one of many events organized by CORE, a club facilitated through the Campus Activities and Programs (CAP) Center, and has been held every year for at least the last 10 years, with the exception of last year as a result of COVID restrictions.

This year, the planning was headed by Jada Lopez '24, event manager and executive planner for Center Stage. She works closely with Chhetri and assistant director of Campus Activities and Programs Sarah Herberger to plan what the event looks

like, what's provided for students and how everything is organized.

Lopez said that the planning process has been relatively smooth, with the only issue being determining a realistic mask policy.

"We did have to make sure Sal fit into our budget but the main concern was masking protocol," Lopez said. "With Bucknell Refresh, we had students wear their masks in order to see the concert yet many students did not follow the rules and entered with a mask but took them off as soon as the performer got on stage. We did consider moving this event outside so that wouldn't be a problem but quickly realized it was going to be very cold."

This year the comedian was chosen by a popular vote from the student body, to make the event as student driven as possible, based on a list of options generated by CORE.

Vulcano received 75 percent of the vote, making him the clear choice as this year's headliner. Also known as Prince Herb, as a result of a recent episode of "Impractical Jokers", Vulcano has been a part of the cast for its past nine seasons since 2011.

The show was renewed for a 10th season early this year. In addition, he has an independent stand-up and improv career.

"Impractical Jokers" is a show about four comedians that have been friends since high school. They compete with one another to try and embarrass themselves in a series of public dares, according to truTV's website.

"I've been watching Impractical Jokers for years now. It's so cool the University was able to have him come," Mandy Kaylor '25 said.

"I'm most looking forward to seeing all my hard work pay off. Having everything in a clear schedule, seeing students enjoying themselves, and ultimately getting a closer view into how life was before COVID. Being that Center Stage didn't happen my first year, I'm excited to see how it turns out!" Lopez said.

"If you want to have fun, come to Center Stage. Center Stage is happening on Nov. 5 which is so close to Thanksgiving break and then to the end of the semester," Lopez said. "Come and laugh with us and de-stress! I promise it will be a time to remember!"



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BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.

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INTERNATIONAL

The New York Times reported that the Taliban has allowed some teenage girls to return to high school in some provinces. This news comes as pressure from foreign governments weighs down on the Taliban. Despite this, the New York Times reports that many within the country are weary of the quality of education and whether it may simply be a front to receive international recognition and aid.

Pope Francis has agreed to visit Canada as calls for an apology from the Catholic Church grow, according to The Guardian. The Church was allegedly involved in the abuse and killings of indigenous children, numbering in the thousands. Other parties involved in the deaths, including the Canadian government, the Presbyterian, Anglican and United churches have all issued apologies in the past, but the Catholic Church has yet to offer one.

DOMESTIC

The northeast was hit with hurricane-force winds that knocked out power to more than 600,000 homes and businesses, according to USA Today. Massachusetts took the biggest hit, with 500,000 of the outages being within the state. Rhode Island and New York were also significantly affected, with 5,000 and 40,000 outages, respectively. Although the rain has ended, USA Today said that people should be cautious of the winds.

Actor Alec Baldwin was practicing a scene with a prop gun for a movie called "Rust," when the gun went off, killing Halyna Hutchins, the film's cinematographer. The Director, Joel Souza, was also injured in the accident. Baldwin has been cooperative in the investigation and, according to the New York Times, assistant director Dave Halls admitted that he had not checked the revolver carefully before giving it to Baldwin.

L&IT SERVICES WRAPS UP NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

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steal your identity, personal information, and money. To protect yourself from online threats, you must know what to look for. One of the most common Internet scams is imposter scams," Guissanie said in his Oct. 20 email.

Imposter scams are what most people consider spam calls—someone claiming to be someone they aren't in order to obtain personal information such as Social Security Numbers, credit card numbers or other records.

L&IT recommends adding multi-factor authentication similar to DUO Mobile, broadly used by University accounts. A few other suggestions include never sharing personal information through email and avoiding free internet access.

To round out the month, L&IT shared their recommendations on how to safely travel with technology during the upcoming holiday season.

"When traveling, it

is always important to take proactive steps to secure Internet-enabled devices," Guissanie's Oct. 26 email noted. "The more we travel, the more we are at risk for cyberattacks."

Tech support said that information should be backed up, technology should be kept up to date, and that campus members should stop using auto connect for their devices, Guissanie averred.

"Some devices will automatically connect to available wireless networks or Bluetooth devices. This instant connection opens the door for cyber criminals to remotely access your devices. Disable these features so you choose when to connect to a safe network."

Tech support asks that anyone with questions or concerns reach out through email, by calling their support line or submitting a ticket through L&IT services.

COVID-19 still presenting challenges to University

Ellie Lowe
Staff Writer

Despite the University returning to mostly normal operations, the presence of COVID-19 is far from gone. In an email from President John Bravman, the University announced that it will require all students to be vaccinated before returning to campus for this fall semester.

"As a residential university, Bucknell has long required incoming students to be vaccinated against many diseases that can spread quickly

in shared living spaces," Bravman's email said. "Medical experts and public health authorities have established that the SARS-CoV-2 vaccination is safe, effective and the best defense against transmission of the virus or serious complications that may result from contracting COVID-19."

Although students were able to receive exemptions from the vaccine requirement if they had a sufficient reason, including medical and religious reasons, the number of those exempted is

small. According to the University's COVID-19 Dashboard, roughly 97.5 percent of students are fully vaccinated.

This precaution seems to have worked for students, with the daily positive results remaining in single digits throughout the entire semester despite student activities having largely returned to normal, as of the time of this publication.

But while students were required to receive the vaccine, faculty and staff were not. Ac-

cording to the university website, "[b]ecause University employees do not live in congregate settings like students and their risk of transmission is lower, Bucknell does not currently require faculty and staff to be vaccinated."

The website also claims this policy is being discussed, and adds that faculty and staff are still encouraged to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Director of Communications Mike Ferlazzo declined to comment on behalf of

the University, beyond the information provided from the website.

As of this publication, the current faculty and staff vaccination report suggests an 85.7 percent vaccination rate. Despite this significant disparity, when compared to student vaccination rates, the daily positive results for faculty and staff has also remained in the single-digits since the beginning of the semester, according to the Dashboard.

The lack of a vaccine requirement for

faculty and staff has had mixed responses from students. "It is irresponsible for someone that does not have an actual reason to not be vaccinated," Christian Baccay '23 said.

On the other hand, other students feel comfortable enough with their own vaccinations and the other precautions that the University is taking. "I don't really mind [the lack of a vaccine requirement] because when I'm around staff, I'm masked," Liv Makemson '25 said.

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mel apples, hay rides, free food and more. Danielle O'Sullivan '24, CAP Core Event Manager, offered, "I was the event manager for the night and we had an awesome turnout! The hay ride around campus was extremely popular and the corn dogs and caramel apples flew off the tables! Overall, it was a really fun fall event!"

Students spoke positively of the Country Fair, long a staple of Bucknell's fall programming. Adrianna Rakauskas '24, for instance, noted that "the Country Fair provided an outlet for me to forget about my stress while having fun with friends. It put me in such a good mood," Rakauskas said.

On Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m., the Associate Dean of Arts & Sciences Rich Robbins made his annual free public presentation entitled "Ghosts and Hauntings: Decide for Yourself." Per a statement released about the event, Robbins planned to "introduce theories of what ghosts and other related phenomena are, offer a discussion of evidence for and against the existence of ghosts — including alleged ghost photos and examples of electronic voice phenomena — and provide an introduction to ghost hunting and identification of local hot spots."

This past Thursday, Oct. 28 the Vedder Fall Fest was held outside Vedder Hall. Activities such as pumpkin painting, cookie decorating, a s'mores fire pit and a photo booth were present, along with the opportunity to pie an RA! There was also a Halloween costume workshop at 5 p.m. in the Seventh Street Studio & Makerspace where students were told to bring costume ideas and learned to sew them.

Sahana Paravantavida '23, an RA in Smith, expressed excitement about the Halloween events on campus and the bonding opportunities they offer to students. "I was so excited because considering how the year went last year with COVID, it prevented a lot of community based events," she remarked. "I was really excited to see the freshman and sophomore class mingle and enjoy the holiday on campus and engage with all the awesome resources and organizations on campus. These events ultimately help students have an opportunity to relax and enjoy activities outside of academics."

Students have also been looking forward to the Halloween events being held this upcoming Halloween weekend. This Friday a

Halloween cupcake decorating event will be held at Seventh Street Studio & Makerspace. Students are invited to come design Halloween-themed cupcakes, and eat them!

Tonight (Oct. 29) there will also be a Halloween themed event at Uptown hosted by CAP and Core. This event will have everything from escape rooms to cupcakes with free food and free stuff! Tomorrow night (Oct. 30), a Haunted Gingerbread House and Cookie Decorating event will be taking place at Seventh Street Studio & Makerspace from 5-8 p.m.

Other activities stressed team spirit and bonding throughout the month.

In honor of building Halloween spirit, this whole week The Berger Varsity Weight Room hosted a spirit week where each day student athletes dressed up with their teams. Spirit week days included Twin Day, Pajama Day, Jersey Day, Groutfit Day and Halloween Costume Day. Jack Casturo '24, a member of the track team, enjoyed the team spirit generated around getting dressed up for team lifts. Casturo noted he was excited to dress up with his friends for Jersey Day and Halloween Costume Day. "I think it's just a good thing to boost the culture of the team and get excited about being part of the team and going to lift," he explained.

Maddie Henderson '22 told The Bucknellian about how much she loves the Halloween environment on campus and in downtown Lewisburg. "I love the Halloween spirit on campus this time of year! I particularly like going to the bars downtown on Halloween (since I am over twenty-one)," she added parenthetically. "I find that the bars are awesome because everyone there is super festive and the vibes are great."

Claudia Halbreiner '23 elaborated a similar enthusiasm for Fall spirit in Lewisburg — particularly at Ard's Farm, a local spot with farm fresh food, an indoor market, and outdoor Fall activities. "Ard's has so many fun fall activities, and I really enjoyed pumpkin picking and watching them shoot pumpkins out of a cannon," she noted, describing Ard's famous pressurized "pumpkin cannon", which fires gourds at various targets across a large field. "Their indoor market is definitely at its peak in the Fall. Their cheesecakes and corn bread are divine! Lewisburg just really puts me in the fall spirit."

Student Health and Housing Services offer free flu vaccine clinics

Jacob Feuerstein and Jaxon White
Co-Print Managing Editor and News Co-Editor

Housing Services and Bucknell Student Health collaborated to hold student flu shot clinics most days during the past few weeks, with the final date for students to get their shot being Thursday, Oct. 28.

Located at various places on campus, including the Graham Building entrance, Silberman Hall in the Gateways, Marts Hall porch and inside Bertrand hallway, nurses from Bucknell Student Health were administering free vaccinations for the latest strand of the flu for students who wished to stop and get one.

Housing Services sent two separate emails encouraging students to

sign up for flu shot clinics, which includes an attached Google Form that must have been filled out with proof of completion at the clinic.

"Please do your part for our campus and surrounding community by getting your flu shot," Melissa Allen, a registered nurse at Student Health, noted in a posting on the University Message Center.

Vaccination clinics for the flu shot are held yearly by Bucknell Student Health and are intended to provide the University community with protection from the virus. The annual flu shot is a vaccination that is updated year-to-year for the newest mutations of the virus.

These mobile vaccination units respond

to a unique need in the University's community: students are often too busy during their weekdays to find time to walk down to the Graham Building where Student Health services (and the Counseling and Student Development Center) are located. Having tables placed around campus in high-traffic locations with nurses ready to administer shots as students stop by makes the process quick and easy.

As previously reported in The Bucknellian, an influx of patients this flu season has led to a backlog of appointments and increased wait times for students seeking treatment. This backlog has made the walk-in appointments that are typically accessible to students nearly vanish

from availability.

The annual flu shot is an essential part of protecting "the herd," according to student health. "Getting a flu shot is the first and best step to keep you healthy this flu season."

Student Health representatives add that, contrary to popular misperception, students "cannot get the flu from the flu shot itself. Being less likely to get the flu means you are less likely to miss class meaning you are more likely to do better academically."

The flu vaccination prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related doctor's visits each year. In general, flu season starts late fall in the United States, peaks in January and February, and lasts until early spring.

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by Linda Thistle

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University Stadler Center welcomes renowned poet Aracelis Girmay

Julianna Collins
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, October 26, the University's Stadler Center for Poetry and Literary Arts welcomed poet Aracelis Girmay for a poetry reading to the University community; the reading was held live via Zoom at 7pm. Students, faculty and others joined the Zoom to listen to Girmay's works and support the literary community on the campus.

Born in late 1977, Girmay was raised in Santa Ana, California. She earned a BA from Connecticut College and an MFA from New York University. Her well known poetry collections include *Teeth* (2007), *Kingdom Animalia* (2011) and *The Black Maria* (2016).

Assistant Professor of Creative Writing and Acting Director of the Stadler Center Katie Hays

welcomed all audience members to the event and introduced Girmay. Those who attended made use of the Zoom chat function to praise the poet and share their favorite lines, stanzas, and other components of her work.

During the discussion, Girmay shared her experience at the boarding school she previously attended as a young adult, and how that sparked inspiration for some of her works. One poem in particular concerns a horse that held important meaning in her early development. Her experiences with this horse helped her craft a poem about freedom and love, titled "To The Heart Horse." "Oh hooves who never killed me even once though there were chances," Girmay recounted the poem to an excited virtual crowd,

"I remember you on this road through Pennsylvania. Fog riding the hills like steam off a horse's neck."

Girmay's poetry and discussion enabled the student audience — peppered with young creatives and budding poets — to understand from where her creativity and inspiration were drawn. Professor Katie Hays's poetry workshop has been studying Girmay's works from *Kingdom Animalia*, including the works "Ellegy," "On Living," and "Explaining the Land Mine to the Small Child." The class admires Girmay's use of descriptive language as well as the ability to bring personal emotion and connection into her poetry.

Creative Writing major and student of Hays Peyton Dripps '23 was

grateful to attend Girmay's presentation. "I was excited to learn more about [her] poems as we have focused on her book, *Kingdom Animalia*, in my poetry class," Dripps shared. "It was nice to learn about her past and how these memories tied into her writing."

On Thursday, October 28, the University also had an opportunity to learn more about Aracelis Girmay and her writing process through a Q&A session held over Zoom at noon. Students and faculty members were given the opportunity to ask questions and communicate directly with the poet about her writing and creative endeavors. The University is grateful to Girmay for joining the community to gain a more in depth understanding of her poetry.

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Southern students begin combating the cold

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As the leaves begin to change and a slight briskness fills the air, students from the southern regions of the country are becoming increasingly uncomfortable, but certainly not quieter.

Southern student, Savannah Georgia '25, is entering her first winter on campus, and she won't let you forget it. Sources close to the student report she has relentlessly brought up the fact that she didn't even own a jacket prior to her coming to campus. "Bikinis and cowboy boots," Georgia told reports when asked about her previous wardrobe.

Similarly, Charlotte C. North '22, a veteran southern student on a northern campus, still can't get

used to the bitter winters. When asked which part of the year bothers her the most, North claimed mid-September through early April are especially brutal. Luckily, her campus seniority brings enough wisdom to begin bundling up with so many layers at the first sign of a breeze that her father is single handedly funding the VF Corporation that owns The North Face.

Unfortunately, this phenomena only applies to female students as the male students on campus have been found to wear shorts and—to the dismay of all—flip flops year-round.

The problem is only proliferated by the compounded insufferability of students from the northeast. Dan Bury '23 of Connecticut plans to proudly

ditch the Canada Goose this winter because, even in sub-zero temperatures, campus is "not even as close to as cold as it is at home," said Bury.

These issues are creating stark polarization on campus, and the University is certainly hearing about it. In the wake of backlash accusing the University of doing too little to make students from all geographies comfortable, administrators have pledged to do better. In order to accomplish this lofty goal, the president has made it his personal mission to cease all climate change combating measures previously promised to the campus community, with hopes of making everyone a little more comfortable in the winter months.

Biology lab uses real life hungover students to warn against effects of mixing energy drinks and alcohol

AJ Lawrence
Staff Writer

This study came about when biology majors Jill Hoffmeh '22 and Luke Cassidy '23 noticed that their mutual friend had a horrendous hangover the morning after one Super. Their friend, anonymity requested, reported having a "wild time" at Super, then consumed two energy drinks to get "jacked up" for partying later that same night. The next day, the friend reported feeling "jacked up, but in the bad way."

Cassidy and Hoffmeh wondered how mixing energy drinks and alcohol affected their friend. The two aspiring scientists researched the effects of these drinks on the human body, finding the commonly known fact that alcohol is a depressant drug and energy drinks count as stimulants; combining the two causes their

effects to become less prominent, causing the partier to take more of both, or "full send it." Despite many previous studies, the two continued their study anyway, moving onto the experiment phase.

They contacted the fraternity, Alpha Alpha (colloquially known as triple-A, but not to be confused with American Automobile Association), and asked if the brothers would like to participate in a study where all drinks would be provided. Naturally they agreed, happily signing safety forms and participating in a seven week long experiment of drinking different energy drinks each Saturday between Super and nighttime wilding. Cassidy and Hoffmeh took note of each subject's physiology and normal tolerance, asked them all to drink the same amount at Super and two energy drinks each and

then recorded how many drinks they had later in the day and their BACs every hour.

The results of the study ended up being the same as every other study on depressant and stimulant drugs, and their only source from research was the University's own drug and alcohol safety awareness courses. But, their study was successful as their hypothesis proved correct. The professor who reviewed their study was concerned about their practice of using University students and providing the alcohol for their tests, but was impressed by the thoroughness of Hoffmeh and Cassidy's trials. A recent addendum to the report states that Cassidy, Hoffmeh and all test subjects are being required to complete the aforementioned awareness courses as punishment for having alcohol on campus.

Victory! Girl makes it through stressful time thanks to Hot Pockets

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Contributing Writer

It's no secret that many students are stressed. Many students at the University have reported feeling overwhelmed, and this has immense side effects, such as increased anxiety, depression and insomnia.

One student has been feeling many of these side effects: freshman Erin Lin. At the beginning of the year, Erin felt overwhelmed with her new lifestyle and workload. Oftentimes, instead of doing her homework, Erin would turn to stress eating Hot Pockets.

"It's been tough, and I did know where else to turn when the weight of coursework overwhelmed me," Erin said. "So one night I tried to do something dif-

ferent."

Last week, Erin got back from dinner with a new outlook on life; she decided to take a break from work and heat up some Hot Pockets. She normally eats one every night, but that night she decided to have two, claiming that "I feel good when I eat them, so why not?"

Erin's roommate goes to bed at 8:00, as they are always tired after reading 100 pages for their Food History class, so Erin was alone the entire night.

"It was me against crippling depression and existential despair, and we know who usually wins" Erin said, "which I especially feel when considering a world without Hot Pockets in it."

She had a game plan. If she ever felt any anxiety through the night, she

would make another Hot Pocket. Not only did they taste good, but the smell also permeated throughout the room for half an hour after. So if she ever felt stressed, she could just breathe in the scent of Heaven. Even just looking at the boxes she had neatly stacked up next to her laundry bin and textbooks made her feel better; if everything was wrong, at least Hot Pockets were right.

All in all, Erin made it through the night without a single tear shed.

"Let this be a message to anyone who ever feels alone," Erin said. "If you ever feel sad, do something that makes you happy. Whether that's eating Hot Pockets or doing something else, it doesn't matter. Do whatever feels right and remember that you are never alone."

Breaking! Professors introduce new paper format, forcing students to write in Dr. Seuss rhyme scheme

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The semester is more than halfway through and professors are always looking for ways to stir the pot. The faculty at the University have determined that midterms didn't seem to cause as many people to fail as it should have, and what started out as a joke in passing amongst professors quickly became a faculty-wide mandate.

The University announced Monday that all papers would now be written in Seuss Format, which entails the iconic rhyme schemes and unique word choices that remind so many of us of Dr. Seuss's nostalgic childhood stories. This mandate encompasses all departments, including but not limited to research papers, creative writ-

ing, short stories and lab reports.

"You have no idea how much longer it takes to convert my physics lab report from normal English to Seuss Format," said Iz Newton '22. "I would argue it is harder to find the words for the rhymes than it is for me to actually solve the complex math problems I have to do for my lab report."

Most people would argue that a physics lab report isn't written in 'normal English' anyway, but Newton's grievances are shared by much of the student body.

"Today, I turned in my first Seuss Format assignment for my history class... I had to write that 'World War II was won by the Allies' and that 'Everyone knew Hitler and the Nazis were the bad

guys' and I just really feel like Dr. Seuss is frowning down at me," shared Terri Buff '23.

The student body collectively wrote a short note to the faculty in an attempt to highlight their discontent towards the new writing format:

"We the students wanted to tell you / That this new writing format sucks! / Those of us that enjoy it are few, / And we should really call you guys ducks / (This is an ad hominem attack) / Because you guys are all quacks!"

The University declined to comment except for their official slogan on their website regarding the policy, which read "Seuss Format engages the mind and brain, and we want our students to be well-rounded; that's our aim!"

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Due to cybersecurity threats, University installs extra-safe login credentials

Max Bean
Senior Writer

When logging into the University account, we all know the excruciating process. I press it, the Duo staff who run online security send me a text and, finally, I am allowed to grace the website of a University that costs thousands of my parents' hard-earned dollars to attend. That is, until my parents hear about my physics grade and rescind their generous offer to help me out, forcing me to face the fact that perhaps this school was indeed "out of my league" like my guidance counselor warned... I digress.

Despite this rather "quick" and "simple" system that I repeat every... single... time log-

ging in, the threats against our cybersecurity never cease. A few days ago the parents forum was aflame with hackers spitting vitriolic comments about housing and food costs.

Why bother with this extra security stuff anyway? Are they gonna find a picture of all my failing grades? Hack the school's website and reduce tuition? None of that sounds like it would be so bad (especially that tuition thing), but is it really worth the hassle that students face every day? The time I take to log on could be spent hacking into my roommate's account for extra swipes on my food card.

Duo's motto on the login page is "Login Once, Logout Once." However, this system is constantly forcing me

to login, but I'm never logging out! This new "Extra-Safe" stuff is as close to nonsense as I can think of. Not only do I have to take a selfie of myself and send it to the Duo contractors, but now they have to "like" the picture before I have access. At least twice I've received photos and videos of these contractors pointing and laughing at me in reply. I didn't know they could do that, but hey, now I know how unfashionable I am.

At this rate, the security systems of 2035 will make us take a little DNA sample to login. My parents still deny I'm their kid from time to time with this high tuition; I hope by then I can finally discredit their claim and get that inheritance money after all.

SAMEK'S new DOWNTOWN EXHIBIT : EXPLORING HOW BODY IS DEPICTED IN ART

"Nobodies: Identity, Selfhood and Expression Beyond Portraiture"

On Oct. 26, the Downtown Art Museum opened a new exhibition in its downtown gallery on Market Street. The exhibition is titled "Nobodies: Identity, Selfhood, and Expression Beyond Portraiture." Curated by guest curator Carly Boxer, a Carney Postdoctoral Fellow in Medieval Art and Architecture at Rice University, this exhibit aims to explore the unconventional depiction of bodies in art and how these depictions reveal a story beyond the medium. The pieces that were selected "express the inner lives and physical form of their sitters (and sometimes themselves)" through means other than direct portraiture, as stated on the Samek website.

When setting out to create the exhibition, Boxer was largely inspired by her work with medical manuscripts of the late medieval period in Europe. Boxer said that the depiction of bodies in these manuscripts are often not what one would expect. "They are not portraits, even when they depict a person with great attention to their external appearance. They rarely link the person they depict to a specific, recognizable identity, or even to a name," Boxer said.

This abstract depiction of bodies influenced Boxer to create a collection that explored identity issues. All of the works in "Nobodies" ques-

tion the relationship between a represented person (a person sitting for a portrait, for example) and the way the work actually looks," Boxer said.

One striking example of this that Boxer points to within the exhibition is Miriam Schapiro's "Children of Paradise". This piece incorporates vibrant scraps of various fabrics to create a beautiful collage, all surrounding the central point: the empty outfits of two young children. While we see the clothing, we do not see any people wearing them. The "body" is absent, but, as Boxer emphasizes, "we still get hints of a story, and with it a specific person." This idea of invoking the story of a person or persons, oftentimes without even showing them, is at the core of this exhibition.

In selecting "Children of Paradise" and the 10 other pieces for this exhibition, Boxer was able to sift through Samek's collection to find the art that illustrated the story that she wanted to tell. She began first by browsing the museum's online collection to get an idea of the possibilities. Later, as she was able to see the artwork in person, she was offered detailed descriptions of their condition and histories in previous exhibits. She started off with two pieces that she knew were central to the narrative: Ray Yoshida's "Se" and a piece titled

"Seated Scribe Fragment". The latter of the two is the preserved fragment of a sculpture created 4000 years ago by an anonymous Egyptian artist. But beyond this incredible artifact, most of the other pieces in the exhibition come from Samek's large collection of modern and contemporary art. Pondering the collection, Boxer turned her attention to what pieces would operate well in conversation with the two that she had already selected. She was searching for art that similarly "play[ed] with conventions of text and image in combination," and would therefore make up the dialogue that would become the exhibition—in short referred to as "Nobodies."

In addition to the three pieces already mentioned, Boxer selected art pieces by artists Roger Brown, Gerhard Richter, Alen MacWeeney, Robert Rauschenberg, Diaz Lewis, Gabrielle Bakker, Domenico Tintoretto, and Alice Neel. Walking through the exhibit, one is astounded by the diversity of mediums, from lithograph, to collotype, to collage, to oil, to sandstone—even lint was used on acrylic. Yet, despite these differences in how the pieces were created, it is clear that each piece stays in conversation with the next. Realized together, the art offers insight into how we can sense the presence of

emotions, identities, and relationships, even if no body is directly present to encapsulate these things. At the same time, the pieces maintain their own separate stories. Boxer commented on this simultaneous connectivity and individuality. "Each piece in the exhibit becomes more interesting when you view it through the lens of its neighbor because each offers a different perspective on identity and selfhood," Boxer said.

While Boxer has yet to see the final product of the collection, because she is completing her fellowship at Rice, she is eager to see the full execution of her curation when she returns to Lewisburg.

Due to the nature of these artworks that allow viewers to conceive of their own ideas of the bodies that occupy them, Boxer hopes that visitors are able to "see [themselves] in the work. I hope visitors leave the exhibit with their own, new questions about how works of art can communicate identity and represent their subjects," Boxer said.

"Nobodies: Identity, Selfhood, and Expression Beyond Portraiture" will be on exhibit at Samek's Downtown Gallery until Feb. 27, 2022. Be sure to pay a thoughtful visit so that you can form your own ideas and questions about how bodies, or lack thereof, can convey a sense of identity in art.

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This weekend the Bison volleyball squad earned a win and a loss against tough Holy Cross and Army teams, respectively. On Friday evening, the Bison fought their way back from deficit to earn their second Patriot League victory of the season. The Orange and Blue gained tremendous momentum heading into the fifth set after a back and forth match, hitting a match high .455 to secure their victory. The victory ended the previ-

ous seven-match losing streak for the Orange and Blue.

First-years Jen Sivak and Amanda Tesserot as well as sophomore Sarah Ramirez all recorded notable performances in the win. Sivak recorded nine kills and five block assists. Tesserot had a career-best 24 digs. Ramirez had a fantastic game with 37 assists, two service aces, and eight digs.

In Sunday's match against the Black Knights, the Orange and Blue held a lead through sets two and three but were

unable to hold on until the end and secure the victory. Despite the loss, several Bison players boasted impressive performances on the day. Outside hitter Jennie Burke '22 posted 11 kills with 29 total attempts, earning a .241 hitting percentage on the day. The squad had the match high hitting percentage with .250, losing sets two and three by a narrow margin.

Each of the sets were back and forth, the Orange and Blue holding leads in many and forcing the Black Knights

to claw their way back.

Ramirez added 23 assists on the day and 11 digs, earning a double-double. Libero Jordan Hardy '25 continued her streak of consistent performances with 18 digs.

"Even against a strong team like army, every set was a battle and we never let the previous set effect how we played. We played hard every point," Valentina Feigl '24 said. "This next weekend we are gonna focus on finishing sets. We always seem to make

it above 20 and then the other team pulls ahead, so if we can be able to take those last couple points we will be much more successful."

The Orange and Blue have a string of tough road matchups next weekend, facing the American Eagles on Friday, Oct. 29, and the Navy Midshipmen on Saturday, Oct. 30. The Bison currently sit at seventh in the Patriot League standings, and continue to fight for a seat in the championship tournament.

Bison Men's Soccer plays to scoreless draw with Boston

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A rainy day on Emmitt Field at Holmes Stadium did not take away from the competition between the Bison and the Boston Terriers. The two played a hard-fought 90 minutes followed by two, 10 minute overtime periods. They came into the match even in the Patriot League Men's Soccer standings, both tied for seventh place with matching 2-3-2 records. The Terriers and Bison remain tied for seventh, each with eight points in league play after the 0-0 draw.

The Terriers outshot the Orange and Blue 16-12, but only one of these shots was on goal for the day. The Bison defense, composed of MJ Kuczara '24, Gabe Dahlin '25, Colin Eifert '22 and Collin Murphy '24 displayed a united front to contain the Terriers offense. The defense stepped up big time when first-year goalkeeper Lo-

gan Kinajil-Moran '25 came on for his collegiate debut.

Starting keeper Bennett Schwartz '23 came out of his box to play a contested ball in the 94th minute, but the ball skipped by on the wet surface and the collision that followed with Boston's Brian Hernandez resulted in a yellow for Schwartz. This was his second yellow of the day, resulting in a red card and sent Schwartz off the pitch.

Kinajil-Moran, a first-year from New Zealand, was able to handle services in traffic with composure. He kept the clean sheet intact for the Orange and Blue in his 16 minutes of action.

The Bison, though outshot, had the better of the chances during the match. Jordan Miller '24 found space near the left post late in the first half, but his shot was stopped by the Terriers' keeper.

Two volleys in the second half nearly found the back of the net, but the Terriers keeper was

there to make the stop. Patrick O'Hara '22 and Brennan Gac '24 both connected well with the ball, but were unable to slip it past the goal line.

"It was a battle to the end. We connected the ball well today and found dangerous chances, but weren't able to put them away. Our defense held strong and I am proud of the way we performed. We wanted to get the win, but we are looking forward to closing out the season and fighting for a chance to make the Patriot League Tournament," Kuczara said.

The two teams have gone into overtime on nine of the 10 occasions that they have met.

The Orange and Blue celebrated Senior Day prior to kickoff. Eifert, O'Hara, Alex Clarke, Jacob Mittman and Aiden Perry were all recognized with their families.

The Bison will play the first of their last two matches next Saturday against Navy on the road. The game is set to start at 4 p.m. on Oct. 30.

Bison Field Hockey outlast Colgate

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Contributing Writer

Friday night's game brought excitement to Graham Field as the Bison dominated Colgate with a 4-2 victory. The Bison took an early lead scoring two goals within the first 24 minutes of the game. The Raiders took the challenge and evened things up with two goals leading into the fourth quarter. The response was fierce to win when the Bison finished regulation time with two final goals. Coach Jeremy Cook amassed his 128th career victory with the Bison and is now tied for the most wins in program history. The Orange and Blue are now in second place with a 4-1 record in Patriot League play and 8-7 overall, while Colgate sank to 0-12 and (0-5 PL).

The Bison led 15-9 in shots, and Colgate maintained a 6-2 edge in penalty corners. Three saves for each goalkeeper were recorded. The action heated up after 10 minutes of play, as Mackenzie Kile '23 put the Bison on the board with her third goal of the season. Mia Fields '24 sent a long pass from the left side to Kile who received it on the far side of the circle and scored, giving the Bison a 1-0 lead. "At one point, the score was briefly tied 2-2, but I took a stroke and scored the third goal! And thankfully we ended up winning 4-2 in our

last home game," Kile said.

Lily Neilson '25 scored in the second half with a high-arching shot over the head of the Colgate keeper from the top of the circle to score her 13th goal for the Patriot League this season to give the Bison a 2-0 advantage. The response was quick by Colgate scoring a goal on a penalty kick in the 28th minute. With no score during the third quarter, Colgate came out fast and tied the game off a corner opportunity in the first three minutes of the fourth quarter.

A penalty stroke was awarded less than 60 seconds later, and Kile registered her second goal of the game by shooting to the goalkeeper's left, giving the lead back to the Bison. The Bison added to the lead with less than three minutes to be played in the game when Rachel Apa '24 scored off an Emily Doyle '22 assist to go up 4-2 and create space.

Cook's 128th victories tie Heather Lewis' all-time mark. Cook has led the Bison to a Patriot League Tournament berth in all 14 seasons and has one Patriot League Championship title and one NCAA tournament win.

The Orange and Blue plays two road games next weekend to close out the regular season. The Bison visit Lafayette on Saturday, Oct. 30 and Drexel on Sunday, Oct. 31.

Bison fail to hold off the Black Knights

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This past weekend, the Orange and Blue women's soccer team battled the Black Knights of Army West Point in West Point, New York. Army West Point scored two goals in the final 20 minutes of the match to rally past the Bison, 2-1. The Bison now sit at 7-7-3 on the season and 4-2-2 in Patriot League play.

The Bison opened the scoring in the 31st minute, with Paige Temple '25 finishing off a Teresa Deda '25 feed from the top of the box. It was Deda's 11th assist of the season, where she stands first in the Patriot League.

"West Point was a tough match for us. We started out strong on offense and got a goal in the first half, but lost momentum in the second half when the other team tied it up. Going into the Patriot League tournament we have the opportunity to learn from that mistake and work to keep the intensity for the full 90 minutes moving forward," said Emilene Parham '22.

Rylee Donaldson '23, the

Patriot League leader in goals, nearly netted a goal to extend the Bison lead in the 40th minute. The Army goalie stopped the initial goal. Donaldson collected the initial rebound and sent another shot to the low corner, but it was saved and collected once more.

Army West Point netted the equalizer in the 72nd minute after a corner kick, which fired past Bison goalkeeper Jenna Hall '24. Army then found a winner late in the match to secure a 2-1 victory.

The Bison held advantages in shots (15-8), shots on goal (6-3) and corner kicks (5-2) and remained very competitive throughout the entire match. This loss snaps a four-game undefeated streak for the Bison.

The Bison were able to bounce back and win 1-0 in overtime against Lehigh. The contest was extremely close with both sides generating very few obvious scoring chances. In the first overtime the Bison had a corner that was headed away by a Lehigh defender. The ball fell to Kenar Gelman on the right side of the box who

whipped in a cross to the back post. Donaldson got on the end of the cross and headed the ball into the far corner for the game winner. The win was much needed for the Bison going into the Patriot League tournament and should give the Orange and Blue a big boost.

"Thankfully following a tough loss against Army West Point we were able to get back to playing our kind of soccer, and pull out an awesome win against Lehigh. It is going to be really helpful having this positive momentum heading into our first tournament game Sunday," added Parham.

With the regular season wrapped up, the Bison now are looking ahead to the Patriot League tournament. With a final regular season record of 5-2-2 in Patriot League play, the Bison finished the regular season in 4th place in the Patriot League. They will host Lehigh in the first round of the Patriot League tournament on Oct. 31 at 1pm. Their most recent match was the only matchup between the two teams in the regular season.

Big weekend for Bison Swimming & Diving

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Contributing Writer

This past weekend, both the Bucknell men's and women's swimming and diving teams faced off against Binghamton University. Both Bison teams were successful, the women winning 221-79 and the men taking home a favorable 178-111.

Abby Doss '24 and Maddie Hartigan '22 led the Bison women's team, carrying the Bison to a total of 11 wins in both the individual and relay categories. Doss managed to earn a top-10 school finish in the 100 breaststroke for the day while Hartigan won both the 50 and 1,000 freestyles.

Sophia Donat '23 also posted some excellent performances for the Orange and Blue, winning the 100 freestyle and also helping the 200 medley and 400 freestyle teams to victories. Adding to the Bison strength on the 200 medley team were Meghan Taner '22, Alexandra Ritorto '23, and Alexis Faria '22; the 400 freestyle team consisted of Ritorto, Kayla Lichtner '24, and Hartigan. Taner also won the 100 backstroke for the Bison while Faria took home first in the 200

butterfly. The other individual victors for the Bison consisted of Rylie Giles '25 in the 200 freestyle, Esme Hunter '24 in the 200 backstroke, Sabrina Vumbacco '23 in the 100 butterfly and Catherine Craig '24 in the 200 IM.

Lindsey Bloom '22 noted that "[t]his past weekend was our first home meet of the season swimming against Binghamton. During the meet, we had the privilege of honoring the 1964 College Division National Championship men's team, the 1987 East Coast Conference Championship men's and women's teams. With these alumni there, we pulled off another weekend undefeated, making both teams 3-0 so far in the season. We've been having tons of fun on deck everyday at practice and at the meets, and it's showing off well in the pool! Everyone has really stepped up where we've needed them to, so we're looking forward to carrying on this success, especially as we get into some really competitive meets in the next few weeks."

The men's team continued their early season domination with a 178-111 victory over Binghamton. The team won

eight individual races and both relays to earn the win. Bison freshmen swept the 200 butterfly with Andy Dorsel '25 finishing first, Chris Kopac '25 finishing second, and Ed Park '25 finishing third. Leo Kuyl '23 won the 100 freestyle once again with Chris Fabian '24 also winning the 200 freestyle. Ryaan Hatoum '23, Jack Rose '22, and Sean Quinn '22 were also individual victories, winning the 100 breaststroke, 100 backstroke and 200 IM respectively. Garrett Kiesel '23, 200 backstroke, and Liam Pitt '22, 100 butterfly, were the other individual victors for the Orange and Blue. The Bison also swept both relays. The 200 medley team was composed of Fabian, Hatoum, Pitt, and Kuyl while the 400 freestyle was made up by Kuyl, John Gehrig '24, Fabian, and Pitt.

Both the men's and women's teams will be back in action on Nov. 6 in a quad meet in Annapolis, Md. The Patriot League teams competing in the competition are American, Lafayette, and Navy. The competition is set to begin at noon.

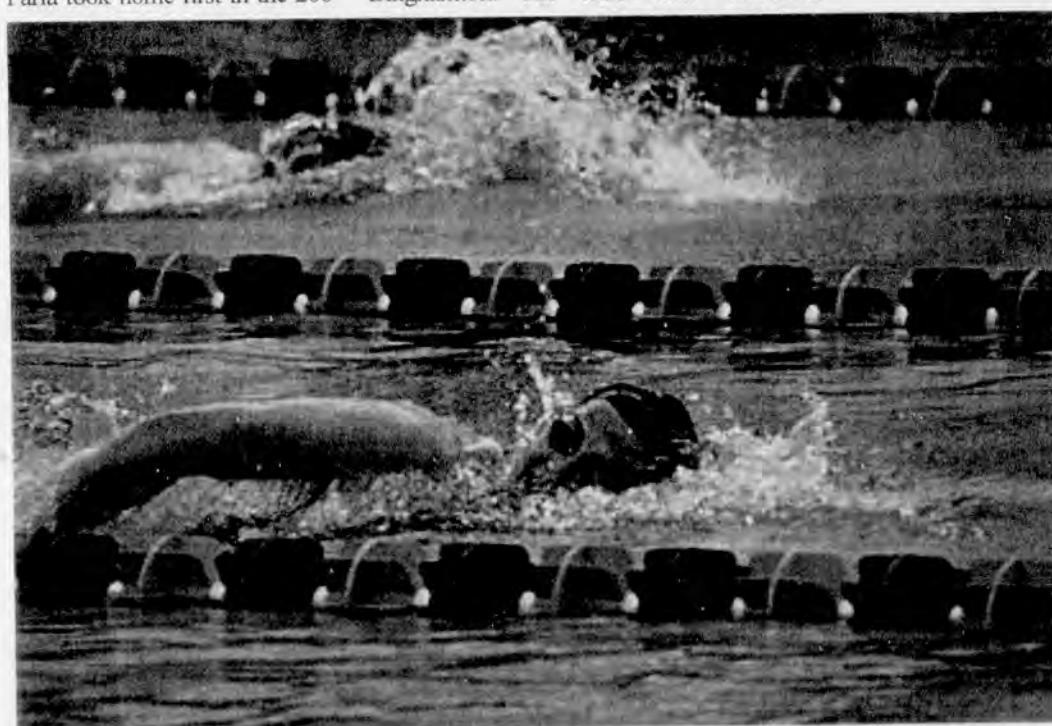


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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Noor Kaur '23



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SOCCER PROFILE

HOMETOWN: BASKING RIDGE, N.J.

HIGH SCHOOL: RIDGE

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The Bison field hockey team has already clinched a spot in the Patriot League Tournament with the help of record-breaking player Noor Kaur '23. In the Bison's important game against league rival Lehigh University, which finalized their placement in the tournament, the junior had a whopping five assists on the six goals scored in the game. This number not only broke a program record, but also broke a NCAA record. Thus far in this 2021 fall season, the most assists any one player in all of division one field hockey had in a game before Kaur's contributions at Lehigh was three. Kaur obtained such a high amount of assists because of her perfect inserts on penalty corners. She set her teammates up for success time and time again. Four of the assists came from corners, while one came from a beautifully placed pass to fellow field hockey

star Lily Neilson '25, who reversed and chipped the shot past the Lehigh keeper.

Kaur spoke on her successful game, which earned her the Patriot League Offensive Player of the Week Honors, as well as Bison Athlete of the Week. "I'm really happy with the plays I was able to set up for my team and the outcome we earned. And as proud as I am for myself, I am equally proud with my teammates for creating opportunities for me and for finishing opportunities I created for them," Kaur said.

The midfielder has been a crucial part of the team since her freshman year, appearing in every single game since she joined the team. Kaur's career statistics include eight assists and a goal.

Field hockey has always been a prominent part of the junior's life. She credits her father for her love for the sport. "My dad played field hockey and he always wanted my brother and I to play sports because he loves them so much. I

had tried a bunch but nothing was really fitting for me so he decided that he would teach me hockey when I was about nine. He was my first coach, and 10 years later he remains one of my biggest role models and supporters," Kaur said.

Kaur and the Bison have two more games in their regular season before hoping to reclaim the league championship they earned for the first time in the spring 2021 season.

CAREER STATS

43 GAMES
PLAYED
1 GOAL SCORED
8 ASSISTS
9 SHOTS

Bison golf finish out fall season

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The Bison men's golf team completed their fall season this past weekend at the Lehigh Invitational. The team placed 13th over the two days of competition. The team shot only 324 on Friday, but managed to bounce back and shoot 315 on the second day.

Despite the team performance, there were several noticeable individuals for the Bison who had great weekends. Jason Lohwater '22 had a consistently

good weekend, shooting a 79 on Friday and an 80 on Saturday. Jake Maddaloni '25 was tied for the team lead with Lohwater with a 79 on the first day. Maddaloni also had two birdies on Saturday. Blake Wisdom '23 and Jack Gardner '23 shot a team-high 78 in the final round to significantly help the Bison. Wisdom had a team-high three birdies on the day, while Gardner managed two birdies. Michael Rudnick '25 was able to finish the weekend on a high note, improving his Friday score of a 83 to

an 80 on Saturday.

Overall the fall proved a successful season for the Bison. They managed to win the Howard Invitational and finished top 10 in two out of five of the competitions. Additionally, the team was very balanced with several individuals posting strong performances throughout the season.

The team will now look forward to the spring when they have several more competitions scheduled. The first one is Feb. 6-8 when they host the Bucknell Veterans Intercollegiate in Florida.

BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

Must Ole Stay?

Kaylee Donnelly
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The pitch of Old Trafford was a sore sight at the end of this weekend. Far from ordinary for the historic football club, Manchester United suffered a staggering 5-0 loss to their long-time rivals Liverpool this past Sunday, Oct. 24. Chants erupted from the stadium, the seats filled with Liverpool fans shouting "Ole must stay!", in reference to United's manager Ole Gunnar Solskjær.

There were no similar taunts from the Manchester crowd.

Manchester United was down 4-0 within the

first half of the match, with goals from Liverpool players Naby Keita and Diogo Jota and two from Mohamed Salah. Salah then completed a hat trick, putting another in the back of the net shortly into the second half, where the score would remain for the rest of the game.

But this result isn't just a bad loss. It's a question of authority.

The question of Solskjær's job security arose after the result of this match. Devastating losses such as this one typically have managers on the outs, but United seems questionably confident in Solskjær's ability.

Solskjær still believes himself suitable for the job and even affirmed that the team was on the brink of something new — whatever that new thing might be.

Some see this as a result of eroding authority within Manchester United. Alex Ferguson stepped down from club leadership and left the Glazers and Woodward to find a new manager eight years ago. Since then there have been several new managers, along with a few successes like the FA Cup and the Europa League victories. Following December 2018, when Solskjær took over, the club

has not produced a single trophy victory.

This downward spiral does not seem new; since the Glazer family's ownership, they have changed managers approximately four times due to struggling records. The most recent was Jose Mourinho, who was fired after a 3-1 loss to Liverpool in 2018. If Solskjær does end up keeping his position, it's clear that they are unable to find someone fit for the job. Or maybe the owners are not trying hard enough.

United has also spent large amounts of money bringing in big-name players, giving out around 135 million euros

to Jadon Sancho, Raphaël Varane, and Cristiano Ronaldo. Despite gathering players with evident success, Solskjær has failed to produce.

The loss this past Sunday was not only their largest loss in history to Liverpool. It was also their heaviest defeat at their home stadium of Old Trafford. Neither the Glazers nor Woodward were even in attendance for Sunday's match.

While some argue that Solskjær has made progress over the years with the United team, it has yet to be fully imagined. One will have to keep an eye out on the status of Manchester's

management and its performance for the rest of the year. The team currently holds seventh place in the Premier League, and while not at the bottom, the club's supporters will eventually want an answer for a consistent display of mediocrity.

Manchester United plays again this Saturday, Oct. 30, against sixth-place Tottenham, giving the squad a chance to rebound off this attention-grabbing loss and Solskjær the potential to earn back some trust from the fans and solidify his position as manager.

Bison Football fumbles lead

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The Bison football team faced another in-conference rival on Saturday, Oct. 23 in a home showdown against the Georgetown Hoyas. What started to look like a Bison victory soon took a turn for the worst, as the Hoyas battled in the fourth quarter to defeat the Orange and Blue 29-21. The Bison fell to 1-6 on the season and 0-3 in Patriot League play.

It took the Hoyas less than 30 seconds from the start of the game to get on the scoreboard, taking a quick 7-0 lead off of a 70-yard touchdown pass. About eight minutes later, the Bison responded with a touchdown of their own, with quarterback Ethan Grady '25 linking up with wide receiver Dominic Lyles '22 for a 31-yard score.

The Bison and Hoyas were even at 7-7 entering the second quarter. The Hoyas were first to get on the board again this quarter, but this time only converting a field goal, leading the Bison by three. With six minutes left in the first

half, Lyles scored a 24-yard touchdown off a pass from Grady to gain the lead 14-10. The Hoyas closed off the score in the first half, narrowing their deficit to 14-13 off of a 21-yard field goal.

The Bison fought to maintain their lead, continuing to pressure Georgetown. It was once again a pass from Grady to Lyles that resulted in the Bison's third touchdown of the game from the duo. These would ultimately be the Orange and Blue's final points, with Georgetown picking up their energy in the second half. The third quarter ended with the Bison on top 21-16 after the Hoyas closed out the quarter with a field goal.

The Orange and Blue were not ready for what came in the final quarter of play. While the Bison offense was unable to convert any points, the defense was able to hold the Hoyas back until six minutes remained. In a matter of minutes, the Hoyas scored two unanswered touchdowns, stunning the Bison crowd. The game ended 29-21 in favor

of the Hoyas.

While this was definitely not the result that was expected nor hoped for, there were many key performances, especially from Lyles who scored all three Bison touchdowns. He is the first Bison to do this since Nov. 1, 2014, matching the University record for touchdown catches in a game with this hat trick. Grady also had a stellar first start for the Bison, leading the Orange and Blue to their joint highest scoring performance of the season.

When asked about the game, Grady remained optimistic, "[the team] gave everything for the entire game, and played well enough to win for most of the game. There were definitely a couple plays that [the team] would like to have back" but he knows they will "fix those things heading into this weekend," Grady said.

The Bison are back in action on Saturday, Oct. 30 seeking their first Patriot League victory. They head up to Colgate University to face the Raiders in a 1 p.m. kickoff.

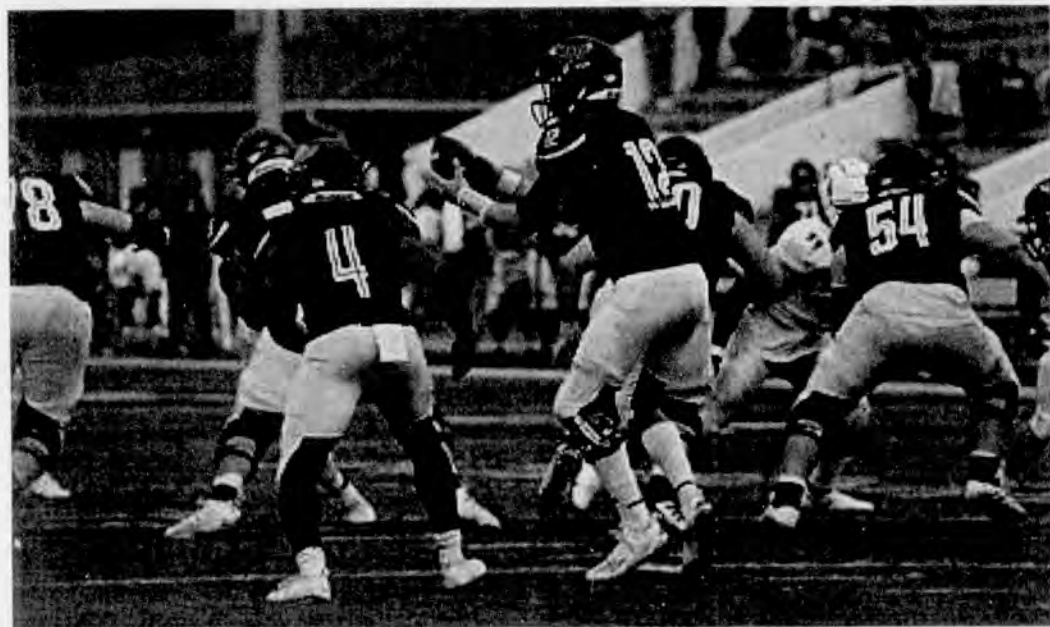


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Let's Get Creative

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The University is known as a highly successful STEM school, graduating successful engineers, chemists and psychologists from across the country. Yet, the rest of the student community often feels left out, less worthy of the high academic reputation and excluded from many important career statistics. When I tell people that I'm a music major, I always get the same confused yet amazed look. "Music is a major here?" Yes it is — so is theater, dance, English and a number of other things that people overlook at this school. Hidden in McDonnell, arts students aren't often seen around campus. Music buildings are crouched behind Coleman and the Quad, where engineering students walk to get to their classes. It seems that too many people have no idea that the arts is a thriving culture here.

Concerts take place each semester, with the jazz band and orchestra performing several pieces that they've worked on each week. Senior recitals occur in the Rooke Recital Hall. Don't confuse this space with Rooke

Chemistry Building — it's a little theater deep inside the Weis Music Building, where guest musicians and artists come in to perform free concerts for all of Lewisburg. Last week, wonderfully talented clarinetist David Shifrin played with one of our own piano teachers, Qing Jiang. I wouldn't have even known about the performance had it not been for my Chamber Music course, which takes place in the same building. I attended, expecting some other music kids and no other guests. Yet instead I found a hall filled with Lewisburg residents who might not have seen live music in as many as 18 months. It was an incredibly heartwarming experience.

Nothing brings people together like a love for the arts. Musicals, movie nights, favorite songs and visits to the museum on field trips — we don't often think about how big a part the arts play in our life. When we absentmindedly flip on an animated film, we often don't recognize that the characters are made up of hours and hours of drawing and designing, not to mention patience. One minute of TV time represents sometimes days of work for the

artists who put together the pictures on screen. Or when we're stargazing and listening to Harry Styles or Taylor Swift, we fail to remember that they worked incredibly hard to produce beautiful melodies and lyrics that make us smile — or, more often than not, cry. Art is life, the foundation of modern society, and I think it's time we start incorporating it into students' daily lives.

As I mentioned before, concerts do indeed take place on campus all throughout the year. So do a capella performances, dance shows, improv nights and endless other events created by underappreciated artists. I think we should advertise them with as much effort as we did the ASAP Ferg and DJ Diesel concerts. Performers and artists are a part of our community, and they all deserve our support. It is also important to enjoy art as much as possible, because it is integral to mental health and self-care. It encourages expression and relaxation that are necessary for thriving at such a stressful point in our lives. Art benefits the community and the mind, and is a wonderful way to come together and bring a private smile to our masked faces.

Did We Find Brian Laundrie?

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The disappearance of Gabby Petito, a 22-year-old woman from Blue Point, N.Y., has consumed the country's attention since early September of this year when she was first reported missing. Petito disappeared while on a road trip with her 23-year-old boyfriend Brian Laundrie. Laundrie's subsequent arrival at his Florida home in Petito's van without Gabby herself present, and his lack of response in the face of the Petito family's questions about her disappearance made him the primary person of interest in the investigation. Initial media response focused on this point. After the case made mainstream media, Brian Laundrie fled Florida and was nowhere to be found for weeks. The FBI, detectives, Petito's family and viewers at home questioned Laundrie's actions. If he were innocent after all, why run from the law? Speculation abounded that Brian Laundrie had something to do with his girlfriend's disappearance — perhaps even its direct cause — but evidence was purely circumstantial. That was until Petito's body was found on Sept. 21 in Wyoming.

The fun-loving 22-year-old's life was evi-

dently cut short by the actions of her boyfriend, Brian Laundrie. Gabby's father Joe Petito described her in an interview with Newsday as "very, very free-spirited," sharing that, "[c]lothes didn't impress her. Cars didn't impress her. Experiences, that's what impressed her." On Oct. 12, Petito's autopsy revealed that her cause of death was strangulation, and it was predicted that she passed away three to four weeks before her body was discovered in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming. Just before Petito's body was found, the FBI issued a warrant for Brian's arrest as it was discovered that he had been using her credit cards after her disappearance. After a multi-week national manhunt, Brian Laundrie's body was found at the T. Mabry Carlton Jr. Memorial Reserve and Myakkahatchee Creek Environmental Park in Florida.

Generating much public interest and consuming the media for the past few weeks, the Petito case raised an important question — what makes this case so special? Families of those who have gone missing or disappeared were angered by the lack of publicity other still-unsolved missing persons cases received, particularly those whose victims

were women of color, in comparison to Petito's. Hundreds of Native Americans and other minority women have been reported missing in the United States; the disappearance of Petito, a white female, captured the curiosity and prayers from millions across the country, while these other cases were brushed under the rug. This is unfair and upsetting.

With Laundrie's passing, the Petito family will never get the answers to the questions they had hoped to ask the main suspect. The family will never get to ask Brian why he murdered Gabby, which ultimately leaves them with a lack of closure. They will never get the answers they need to move on. When asked about lack of closure in the Petito case, a close friend affirmed with the British tabloid Daily Mail that, "[Gabby's] gone now. [Brian's] gone. Who's really got closure?" Petito's father recently shared in a segment on Dr. Phil that, "I want to see [Laundrie] in a jail cell for the rest of his life," while mother Nicole Schmidt elaborated that she wants to "look [Laundrie] in the eyes." Both the Petito and Laundrie families will suffer and grieve greatly as they will likely never get the answers that they deserve.

Jordan Peter...son

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I realize that my last article about Jordan Peterson received backlash. While the article could admittedly have maintained a more well-supported argument, I nevertheless stand by the foundational claims made. After hours of watching videos of Peterson debating, theorizing and speculating with other academics, reading expert reviews of his self-help books, and communicating with campus community members supportive of Peterson's appearance, I did my due diligence and attended the live, on-campus lecture; I hoped these efforts would lead to a more comprehensive and informed critique of his work.

The audience, as well as myself, were prepared to hear a discussion on "The Liberal Arts Tradition versus Totalitarianism," as the talk was billed in promotional materials. Peterson's foreword to the fiftieth anniversary edition of *The Gulag Archipelago* served as a primer to the dialogue — this proved an interesting read, and was sufficiently topical to the subject. However, during his introduction to his lecture, Peterson revealed that the topic would instead concern "Free Speech as a Precondition for Mental and Social Health," a quite radical departure from the original theme.

Why change the topic? Why dispose of the anti-totalitarian talking

points espoused in his most famous YouTube talks, and instead venture into the more personal, clinical, and safe?

One major theme Peterson touches on throughout his discussion was the necessity of listening to opposing views. From clinical diagnoses to political discussions, Peterson views listening as essential to maintaining social and mental health. He was handed the optimal opportunity and audience to articulate his broadly "anti-totalitarian," free speech fixation, but instead delivered vague, forgettable truisms that stressed the importance of "free speech" without making particularly interesting use of it.

Peterson started strong, exploring how listening leads to expansion of thought and a greater understanding of the nuance of every position. Particularly, his explanation of our suffering being attributable to our ignorance — and how the sharing of knowledge may "ameliorate" parts of that suffering — was admittedly valuable. Yet, beyond these few choice phrases and aphorisms, Peterson largely digressed into cryptic language that failed to give larger meaning to these disjointed bits of wisdom.

No collection of two minute anecdotes about divorce or eyeballs can supplement the lack of a fundamentally new or interesting thesis, leaving the weight of his jarringly disconnected observations without

fundamental foundation. Christina Emba, a Washington Post Opinion columnist, similarly notes the essential simplicity of his message: "I was surprised, reading the book and going to [a] lecture, by how simple his message was. How self-evident it seems to me."

Compared to Peterson's other lectures — such as his "Identity politics and the Marxist Lie of White Privilege," offered on invitation from the University of British Columbia Free Speech Club in 2017 — no clear narrative emerged from this set of folksy adages and ambling digressions. At the former lecture, Peterson at the very least had notes and seemed to re-center himself frequently; while at our University, however, he seemed incredibly befuddled and generally without focus. Peterson's lecture proved difficult to follow; the thinker would regularly lapse into tears, pausing sometimes as long as eleven seconds — as if searching for some new meandering path to plod. In all, I expected more, and I hardly doubt the rest of the audience felt the same.

If we assume Peterson aimed to uphold the significance of free speech on college campuses, the utter about-face in the topic rendered his lecture ineffectual. BPAL and ODC aimed to expand viewpoint diversity, but "Free Speech as a Precondition for Mental and Social Health" ultimately did not de-

liver a comprehensive defense of its own stated subject, let alone the subject it purported to discuss in prior materials.

A presentation of diverse viewpoints would be beneficial, as our University is not protected from the national "liberal skew" of campus climates. However, Peterson was not the appropriate choice to promote viewpoint diversity at Bucknell. During his lecture, he emphatically touted viewpoint diversity as "not another diversity," rather dismissing comparing his speech's topic with diversity of race, gender, sexuality, class, background, and other forms of representation that our university claims to hinge on. Viewpoint diversity is vital, but to imply its superiority or essentiality to "another diversity" as Peterson does is, at least, ignorant of the constituencies the University has historically served and disenfranchised. Indeed, the significance of representative diversity derives importantly from the university's insulation from non-White male experiences, a far more pervasive and disquieting phenomenon than Peterson's histrionics about the "totalitarianism" of "identity politics."

The psychologist's main claim to fame was his response to Canadian Bill C-16, a Bill passed by the Canadian Parliament which amended the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal

Code to include gender expression and gender identity as protected personal characteristics. In a video of his response to trans-rights activists outside the Canadian House of Parliament, Peterson remarks that "this is not about non-binary people. We are pushing over a line we shouldn't cross. The newest legislation is requiring people to use a certain language." Since these remarks were first issued in 2016, he has not expressed any change in perspective, and has in fact pursued civil lawsuits against two Ontario professors who denounced the content of his testimony.

While his response is unsurprising because of his "free speech martyr" persona, the amendment is about non-binary people.

The inclusion of gender identity and expression serve as protection for non-binary people against discrimination — it is not intended as an inhibitor of language. Protecting marginalized groups and identities from discrimination is a broadly accepted social good, not the radical left-wing tyranny that Peterson so adamantly protests. Using the correct and preferred pronouns is simply a matter of respect and acceptance of another person's identity; while Peterson is free to refuse these principles, he should not expect adulation or esteem for doing so.

Outside of legislation, the abuse of "free

speech" has long served as an excuse for blatant disregard and disrespect for people's identities. On campus, we have committed to an "inclusive, diverse campus community" that is working on making "underrepresented groups feel respected, safe and secure, and can thus experience Bucknell as their own." Peterson's disregard for gender expression and gender identity — as well as a number of his other views — fundamentally undermine the community of respect we are striving for. While I hardly argue Peterson should be arrested or imprisoned for his speech, this benefit is — as those of us familiar with the Constitution know — where his free speech rights begin and end. Like all Americans, Peterson has no Constitutional right to be paid a speaker's fee by a nonprofit, nor a right to advertising, an event space, tech support, and so on.

We should be inviting speakers from all areas on the political spectrum, thus informing our peers and allowing them to grow intellectually through viewpoint diversity, but Peterson and his views specifically threaten Bucknell's promise of respect and security to its students. As a private institution, Bucknell has a unique obligation to uphold this mission through its tacit endorsements — who it allows to rent out space and issue pronouncements to its student body.

A Tragic Mix: Hollywood Weapons and Alec Baldwin



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When actions can be taken to prevent accidents that could cost someone their life, they should be. Horrifying and shocking news of the death of cinematographer Halyna Hutchins by gunshot on set of the film "Rust" only reaffirms and strengthens this message. The use of dischargeable, functional (and therefore potentially lethal) weapons on film sets in this digital age is dangerous and unnecessary.

According to CNN, the fatal gunshot was a result of film producer and actor Alec Baldwin practicing a seated cross draw on set, pulling his weapon from the holster positioned on the opposite side of the body. The gun was said to have fired off during an attempt at this maneuver, with the prop gun (which was supposed to be empty) releasing a projectile and mortally wounding Hutchins. Comprehensive safety protocols, designed to prevent precisely these kinds of accidents from happening, were likely dismissed or overlooked in the process of production. According

to the New York Times, under normal filming conditions a crew leader reminds the cast that the firearm is not a "toy," and that real consequences ensue from their use on-set. They additionally address the actors and crew before the scene with a safety speech. It is currently unknown as to what safety protocols were enforced on the "Rust" set last week, but I cannot fathom that any protocol would allow an actor to practice with a real firearm before a scene — or point and discharge it at a person in the process.

An analysis by the Washington Post includes a tweet from director Craig Zobel, who condemned the use of loaded guns on sets where special effects and editing can create the illusion of real weapons without the danger of those weapons in the hands of seemingly inexperienced people. An actor may seem like a professional in their character's trade on-screen, and it can be easy to forget that most actors, including Alec Baldwin, are not actually accustomed or qualified to handle actual weapons. The Post further explains that the weapons used in this film are espe-

cially dangerous due to the lack of gas restrictors in the barrels of weapons from this time period.

In my research, I found that real weapons are commonly used on film sets with a generally very low risk of related injury. Despite the risk of injury being low, the consequences of a single accident are grave. Loaded guns, or real guns in general, should never again be used on set. We live in a time where computer software can provide a realistic duplication of a weapon and the sounds that it makes. While New York Times writer Brooks Barnes argues that it can be difficult to reproduce the "weight and recall of a real gun" and that "some actors have a hard time faking it," and others have noted the high cost of editing — especially in the case of "Rust" which is apparently on a "shoestring budget" — that cost is nothing compared to the loss of a life. There is no financial cost or acting difficulties that can justify this incident, and future filmmakers should take into account the consequences of being too realistic without the proper budget in place to ensure that safety protocols are enforced.

The Great Resignation



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Since the COVID-19 pandemic began last year, much has been revealed about the instability pervading the United States' infrastructure. Most recently, the country is grappling with the newest revelation of its failings — a labor force that has had enough of poor working conditions and employers that refuse to consider their needs.

America is currently experiencing one of the most profound labor shortages in history due to massive waves of people exiting the workforce. While resignations in the United States did see a decline during the pandemic's earliest months, the rate soon returned to pre-pandemic levels, and eventually skyrocketed in 2021. This April alone saw a record four million Americans quitting their jobs, with a similar trend continuing to the present day. Some of the job sectors most affected by this wave of resignation include retail and hospitality, manufacturing and even healthcare.

With the labor market continuing to shrink due to the "Great Resignation," workers that remain have been afforded greater leverage to voice their longstanding concerns. This newfound power has led to Striketober, a wave of strikes populated by over a hundred thousand workers across the country. The demands have shifted during the pandemic, as conditions have arguably worsened for millions. Workers deemed "essential" remained relegated to unacceptable wages and benefits, but after a year of a deadly pandemic, the incentives offered are simply no longer enough for

many, and neither is the appeal of returning to pre-pandemic conditions.

Some of the more notable labor movements during Striketober include the John Deere strike, in which around 10,000 workers and members of the United Auto Workers could not come to an agreement with the company for improvements to wages, conditions and tiered employee structures. About 1,400 Kellogg's workers went on strike when the company did not compromise with the BCTGM union on certain benefits.

Many of these strikes serve as a reminder of the immense value unions hold in centralizing worker demands and protecting them when they are not met. Even during labor shortages where their power is greatest, unions can provide strike members with even more leverage to have their needs accommodated for.

There is nothing more powerful than a collective unified group behind a pursuit, and there is no element more critical to a country's economy than the labor force. That is why it is imperative the voices of these workers be heard, and many of their demands be met. Essential workers do not need to be relegated to poor work environments simply because their occupation has a greater demand and their position might be replaced by another.

Biden, as the self-proclaimed most "pro-union" president in American history, has provided a mixed response to the wave of labor strikes gripping the country. Little was said other than "they have a right to strike", which is, while supportive, a far weaker response than is

demanded from the Commander-in-Chief. Striking is a right afforded to the American worker. But the labor movement requires much more than a tepid response and relative inaction from a president who has in the past ventured personally to picket lines and stood with frustrated workers.

The anger with working conditions in the United States did not begin with the pandemic. However, our new economic reality has led many to reach a breaking point with poor wages, benefits and an inability to adapt to the desires of the workforce. Many of these workers wish to be treated less as exploitable commodities and more as thinking, feeling humans. There is an almost understandable component of Biden's hesitancy to fully support these labor movements. Although, in his desire to further improve the country's economy, one still suffering during the pandemic, prolonged labor shortages and strikes will not assist in his aims.

But both the president and American employers must recognize that the current labor movement is an overdue necessity. How can we possibly be satisfied by our economy if the labor force continues to suffer from a lack of due rewards? How can workers be expected to function as needed when their wages and benefits are meager, all while the executives of corporations accumulate record incomes? This is a situation that can not be mended by merely recognizing "the right to strike"; change needs to happen, and it is better late than never.

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Appropriate by Brendan Jacobs- Jenkins

A play about the complexities of family and race

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The hum of cicadas transformed the cramped Tustin Auditorium into a rather unfamiliar setting - a former Arkansas plantation, home to the aristocratic Lafayette family, sprawled amid the humid summer of 2011. So began Brendan Jacobs-Jenkins' *Appropriate*, a thought-provoking take on white fragility and the complex legacy of race in the United States directed by Anjalee Hutchinson. The death of the Lafayette family patriarch forces the younger generation to return and administer their father's estate and affairs. Siblings Toni (played by Bethany Fitch '23), Bo (Jon Riker '22), and Franz (Peter Cholnoky '22), confront each other and attempt to come to grips with the family's shameful upbringing and dark family history. Consistent with this plot summary, the content warning in the program notes that "[t]his production deals with the history of whiteness in the United States, containing explicitly violent imagery and discussion surrounding racialized, sexualized, and traumatized figures."

Tensions run high when Franz, the youngest of the siblings, arrives at his childhood home with fiancé River (Sydney Dickinson '22) after ten years of estrangement from the rest of his family. Franz intends to seek forgiveness from his siblings after a set of unresolved issues from his past drives a wedge between himself and the others. Toni, the eldest, is unmistakably appalled by his presence. Moreover, she resents her siblings for leaving her to take care of their father for the last ten years, along

with raising Franz for an additional ten years prior. The time Toni invested in her siblings and late father has adversely affected her relationship with her own nuclear family. Recently divorced, she struggles to keep a relationship with her troubled son Rhys (Kieran Calderwood '24), an emotionally distant teenager. Amidst this inner turmoil, elder brother Bo arrives with his wife Rachael (Jillian Flynn '22), and two daughters, Cassidy (Haley Dickinson '23) and Ainsley (Yasmine Adam '24) from New York. He stresses about getting as much money from the estate as possible. Being with his siblings tests Bo's anger issues, adding to the stress he feels from anticipating losing his job as well as grieving from his father's death. Although much of the play's conflict is centered around the siblings, River and Rachael provide a window into how outsiders of the family are treated. River is largely naïve to the complicated family dynamics, and does her best to get along with Frank's family despite reluctance from Toni and Bo. Rachael has experienced a decidedly more rocky past with the family, noting that she had faced antisemitic remarks from Bo's father. The discovery of a photo book by eight-year-old Ainsley - almost certainly depicting victims of lynchings, although only explicitly referred to as "photos of dead Black people" - catalyzes the rising action. The unavoidable truth of their problematic history of racial prejudice rises to the surface. Each of the characters grapples with unsettling

family histories as well as their current dysfunction, making for a tense, anxiety-producing performance.

The second act digs deeper into the racially rooted intentions and preconceptions of the characters. They limit themselves to taking responsibility for their actions in the past as they keep a tight hold on the loving memory of their father. Late in the play, the family realizes that they can sell the photos to a collector for a significant profit. Not realizing this, a euphoric experience finds Franz throwing the book into the lake in an attempt to free his family from its power. Sparked by these developments, a fight between Toni and Rachael eventually escalates into a physical spar among the entire family. This moment deepens the fracture between the family members. The siblings eventually part ways. They are left to themselves to repair the wounds they opened just in the span of 24 hours.

The ending leaves many issues unresolved - just like how the play began - but truths are nevertheless uncovered and confronted. Director Anjalee Hutchinson comments in the program that "[s]eeing these characters as human, as deeply flawed people, does not abdicate them from their failings, but rather asks us to examine more deeply our own failings, and the failings of the families, of communities, and of the loved ones that surround us [...] Just like the truth, cicadas do not remain buried. And when they emerge, they always rise to the surface with a scream." The play ends

with a flood of cicada hums, marking ten years later - 2021, the present day. What we have just watched for the last two hours rebounds back on the audience. It is now up to us to face the truth.

Jillian Flynn '22, who played Bo's wife Rachael, reflected on both her time in the University theatre program and experience in this particularly moving play. "*Appropriate* tells the story of a broken family coming to terms with an even more broken history. I think on the outside it's a family drama, but at its heart it deals with very real issues (and the dark history of our country)." "It was such an honor to be a part of this production," Flynn continued. "It was amazing being back on stage and in front of a live audience after so long. The theatre department has been a huge part of my life at Bucknell. It's so much more than just a major or a cast, the professors and students have been my family through these past four years."

The show consists of a cast of 48 members in total, 14 of which are performing cast members and an additional 34 members of the production staff.

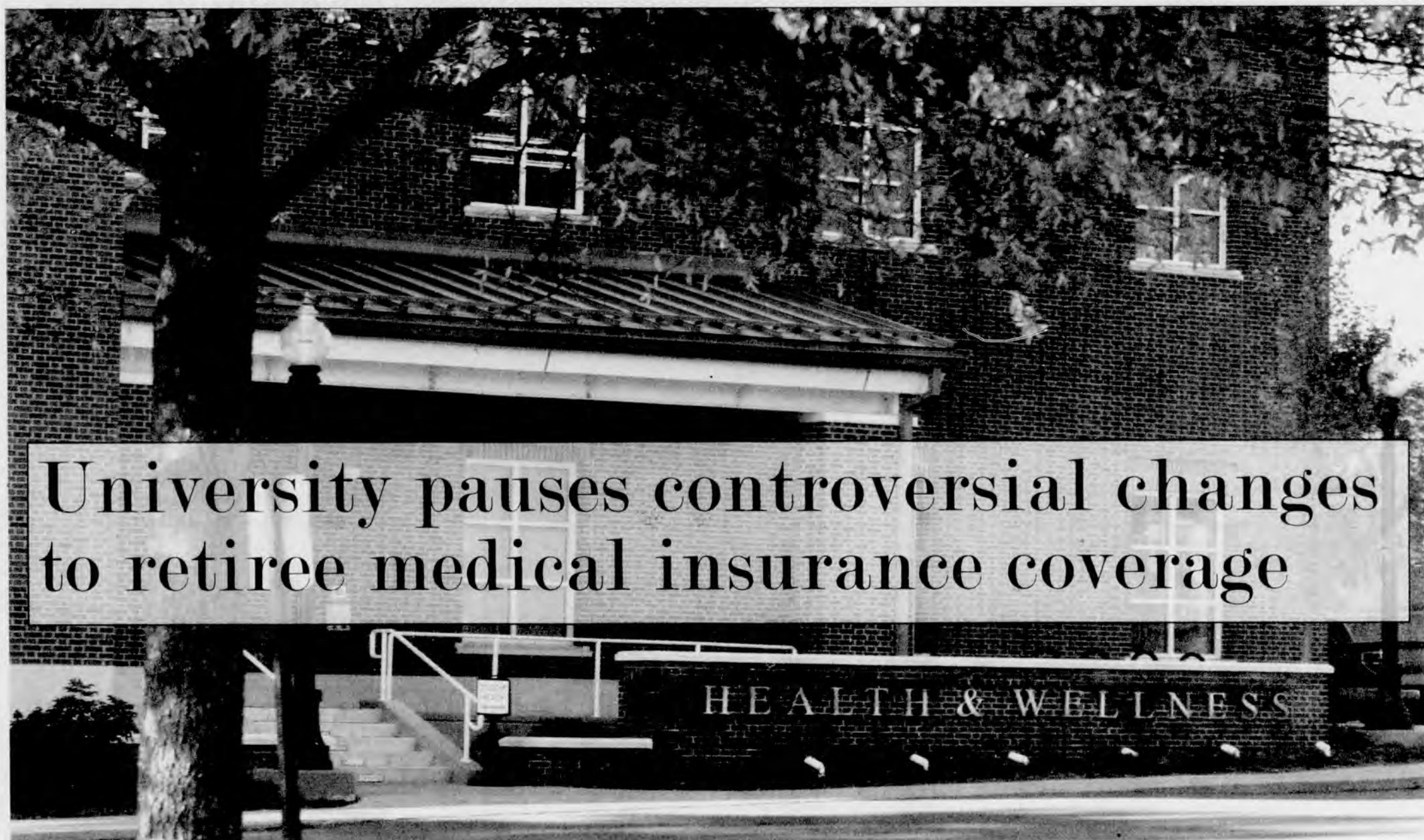
Although *Appropriate* is no longer performing, the Bucknell theatre and dance department is offering a large variety of shows throughout the rest of the semester such as the Fall Dance Showcase, *The Taming of the Shrews*, the Fall Dance Concert, and a series of One-Act Plays. More information surrounding these future showings can be found in the theatre and dance department brochure.

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CRUMBS FROM THE TABLE OF JOY BY LYNN NOTTAGE

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After significant opposition from retired faculty and current employees, in an email from President John Bravman last Thursday, the University retracted their August decision to switch retiree health care benefits from group to individual policies in 2022.

Previously, and without consulting faculty in their decision, Uni-

versity administration decided to partner with Aon Health Exchange for retiree healthcare instead of continuing with Highmark for 2022. This decision would eliminate group health coverage and reduce the University's contributions to beneficiaries' plans.

Retirees objected to both the manner in which these changes were made and the substance of the changes themselves.

According to the

Faculty Handbook, "proposed changes in benefit policy are reviewed by the Committee on Faculty and Academic Personnel and by the University Faculty before submission to the Board of Trustees for adoption."

However, in this case, the faculty at large were not consulted, nor was a faculty committee. Instead, retirees were notified of the changes through letters

from Human Resources without any opportunity for input.

Additionally, the Faculty Handbook said, "previously covered employees and previously covered eligible dependents have access to group health insurance coverage, including cost sharing, in a special Medicare supplemental program after age 65. Eligibility for this coverage is in effect for the retiring faculty member

for the remainder of his/her lifetime."

By "unilaterally implementing the announced changes in retirees' health benefits, [the University] has broken the trust it had with its retired employees — who did not expect to be treated this way and who do not deserve to be treated this way," Dr. Stephen Becker, Emeritus Associate Professor

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Booster vaccines available to students

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As the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to pan out, booster shots are beginning to be administered across the country in order to help reinforce the COVID-19 protection provided by vaccination. At the University, students and faculty alike have begun getting their "boosters."

According to information available on the website for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), people aged 65 years and older, 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions, or 18 years and older who live in long-term care settings should receive a booster shot. The website also advises people 18 years and older to receive a booster shot at least two months after receiving their Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. The CDC now allows for individuals to "mix-and-match" or receive booster shots of a different origin than the one they originally received.

As booster vaccines continue to be rolled out, students are curi-

ous about whether or not the University will require the broader campus community to get a booster when they are eligible.

In recent Message Center Digest emails, updates on getting booster vaccines are offered on a regular basis. One message was submitted by registered nurse and health educator Melissa Allen, who advised students to "review [...] guidance from the CDC to determine if you are eligible for a COVID-19 booster dose. If you meet the criteria, please schedule at any local facility offering vaccines and remember to send the documentation of your booster to medicalrecords@bucknell.edu."

University student Bella Dragone '24 just received her COVID-19 booster shot, speaking to The Bucknellian about her experience with the booster-shot process. "I got my second dose in April and felt like it was finally time to get the booster. I went onto the CVS website and was able to fill out the questionnaire and get a same-day-appointment for the booster," she

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Students' concerns voiced in "A Night with the Presidents"

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Last Tuesday, members of the University community voiced their concerns on Pass-Withdrawal standards, financial aid, mental health, and more in the University's annual "Night with the Presidents." This year's event was held at Trout Auditorium and attended by — among others — President John Bravman, Provost Elisabeth Mermann-Jozwiak, and Bucknell Student Government (BSG) President Madison Scopano '22.

Populated by BSG representatives and other campus community members, the evening began with Scopano relaying questions from the University community. Three live questions were asked by students after Bravman, Mermann-Jozwiak and Scopano delivered their remarks.

The discussion initially focused on a potential Pass-Withdrawal option for the Fall 2021 semester. During the 2020–2021 academic year, Mermann-Jozwiak announced Pass-Withdrawal grading to accommodate students adversely affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Following the release

of grades, students were able to choose whether to accept the letter grade they received for the class, or convert to a pass ("P") — which obscures the given letter grade — or withdrawal ("W") option. Bravman and Mermann-Jozwiak both addressed the issue after a poll placed on the BSG Instagram suggested nearly 95 percent of student-followers supported the policy.

"We kept that policy intact longer than many of our peer institutions," Mermann-Jozwiak said, and stated the University would be "outliers" should they have retained it for the fall 2021 semester. While the decision was made independently by members of the Faculty Council, she added that the Provost's office provided a memo and other guidance emphasizing flexibility and understanding with the student body.

Further arguing that retaining the pass-withdrawal option could "detrimentally affect" students' graduate, medical and law school applications, Mermann-Jozwiak's posture appears to depart from previous University advisory messaging about use of the policy. Previous dispatches placed use

of nonuse of the P/W option in the hands of students and their individual advisors. Per a Nov. 2020 email by from the Registrar's Office, these parties would together determine the "longer-term implications that Pass grades or course withdrawals may have for financial aid and scholarships, graduate school admissions or GPA issues."

On financial aid, Bravman spoke of upcoming plans to raise funds to increase the endowment by half a billion dollars, of which "financial aid will be at the heart." He said that while such an amount "will not meet all our needs," it will substantially improve student life on campus.

An increasing topic of concern for much of the University community, President Bravman also addressed the status and future of mental health resources on campus. Specifically, the President announced job postings for two new full-time psychologists — bringing the University's total from eight to 10.

"Every part of the community is under stress," Bravman noted.

The President also spoke of mold concerns in older campus residence halls, like

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BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.

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INTERNATIONAL

The 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) is now underway in Glasgow. According to The Guardian, dozens of countries have pledged to begin shifting away from coal as an energy source. Unaccounted for in this pledge are China, India, and the United States.

According to The Guardian, the United Kingdom has, per capita, rolled out more booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine than the African continent has. Our World in Data reported less than nine percent of people across Africa have received the first dose of the vaccine, while nearly one-tenth of UK citizens have received a booster shot. The Guardian also reported the UK has promised significantly less doses of the vaccine in comparison to other Western countries.

DOMESTIC

Election Day 2021 yielded sweeping GOP victories as Virginia elected Glenn Youngkin to the governor's office. He is the first Republican governor in the state since 2009. Democrat Phil Murphy retained his seat as New Jersey's Democrat governor after a close race with Republican Jack Ciattarelli.

Children ages 5-11 are now eligible to receive Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine in the US. According to the CDC, children are less likely to get severely ill from COVID-19, but a reported 6.4 million children have tested positive since the start of the pandemic.

UNIVERSITY PAUSES
CONTROVERSIAL CHANGES
TO RETIREE MEDICAL
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of Physics, said in a Oct. 13 letter to President Bravman. "I would also note that breaking such trust with retired [University] employees will also generate trust problems between [the University] and its current employees — who will have a much reduced expectation that they will be treated fairly both as current employees and when they retire."

On top of the way in which administration went about changing retiree insurance policy, the substance changes were also distressing to retired faculty.

"I was appalled, horrified, terrified and deeply disappointed in the proposal," former chemistry professor Dr. John Coleman said. "My base support was cut 60 percent, with a one-time 'bonus' that brought the package up to only 30 percent cut for the first year. But the loss of the group plan made individual plans much more expensive than under the group plan. Net result: 'affordable' plans left my family exposed; plans comparable to what we had enjoyed for the previous 18 years were flat unaffordable."

According to Dr. Becker, in 2023 retirees would have to pay an additional \$1,700 per person on average for similar coverage to their current plan, which is approximately the amount by which the University is reducing its contribution. The change in providers would have a larger detrimental impact on older retired faculty, as they would also be charged an individual premium based on age.

It is worth noting that, though Dr. Becker wrote on behalf of some retired faculty, he was not able to contact most non-faculty retirees because one of the vice presidents refused him permission to use the University's listserve, an online database that included contact information for many of these employees.

"Many of our older retirees are in poor health and in any case may be ill-equipped to deal with such complex decisions, much of it done online," Emeritus Professor of Political Science, Dr. John Peeler said. "In addition, in my own case I found that all available plans predicted my out of pocket costs for med-

ications at \$90,000!"

"Although I was later reassured by Human Resources that a Catastrophic reimbursement account would cover those costs, it was still jarring, since under our current group plan I have had much smaller (not negligible) copays. This is not the only issue where the current administration has made policies, affecting current faculty and staff as well as retirees, without the consultation that is a mark of good management. In the case of the Faculty, such consultation is mandated by the Faculty Handbook," Peeler said.

After Becker's letter comprising an outpour of comments of dissatisfaction on the faculty listserve, a review of the evolution of retiree healthcare and individual conversations between President Bravman, retirees and the Board of Trustees, the University paused the transition in retiree Medicare plans.

"While a transition away from Highmark would have resulted in more plan choices and better value for many of our retirees, and while many could also have benefited from the \$2,000 prescription drug cap, I believe that the transition to an individual retiree exchange model requires further review," President Bravman said in an email to University faculty on Monday.

Moving forward, President Bravman has guaranteed that retirees and their eligible dependents will have access to Highmark Medicare plans through at least 2022. Additionally, he plans to form a Retiree Health Commission, made up of appointed retiree representatives, current employees, and members of the Board of Trustees.

"This commission will examine various healthcare coverage options available to our retirees, including group and individual plans, and will make recommendations for plan year 2023 and beyond," Bravman said.

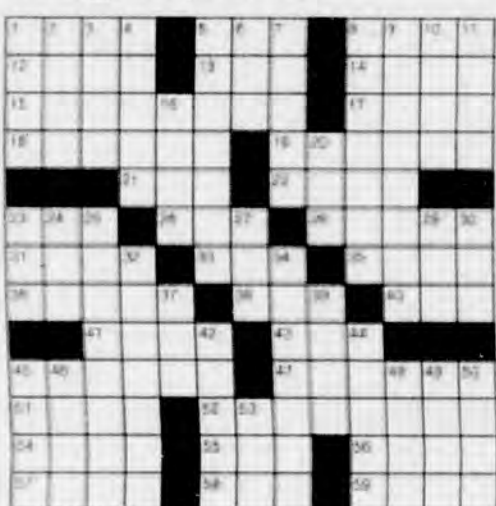
Dr. Becker was "pleased" that administrators decided to halt their plans to switch plans for the next year.

Dr. Coleman expressed similar gratitude, saying, "When you're up to your neck in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging! Next, repair the damage."

King Crossword

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- 19 Sculpted trunks
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- 22 Doctor Zhivago
- 23 Wye follower
- 25 Moreover
- 28 On edge
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- 35 Campus VP
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Residential Adviser applications for next year are approaching

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Senior Writer

With a staff of 101 student advisers and six full-time faculty members, the Office of Residential Education arranges a team to make the transition and continuation of residential experience easier for University students.

The application process varies for first-time and returning Residential Advisers (RAs).

First-time RA applicants must submit letters of recommendation and undergo a group process as well as a group interview. The group process includes activities that are simulation team-building activities in order to see how well individuals do with problem-solving, leadership, and communication with teammates. These activities are supposed to resemble what it is like to be a Residential Adviser,

and evaluate how well the applicant would fit into the role as a leader of a residence hall and a team member with other staff.

For returning Residential Advisers, the application process is much more straightforward and includes submitting a portfolio of projects you have accomplished as an RA. This is called an REP which all RAs must complete during their tenure, and a similar group interview with other returning RA candidates.

"The interview process for both returners and first timers is a group interview which is a great experience and makes the interview process so much less stressful," Ariana Gambrell '23, a current junior Residential Adviser living in Swartz, said.

According to Gambrell, some helpful qualities for a Residential Advisor are an

outgoing personality, skills in creativity and the ability to deal with conflict favorably.

The most advantageous thing for an RA to do is to curate connections and relationships with their communities and to bond their community as one. This becomes especially important for first-year students, as they are newly settling into the college experience and attempting to feel comfortable in their new community.

"The ability to deal with conflict is another major part of being an RA because you will run into a lot of different difficult situations within the position. Some of those situations will be hard to navigate and you have to be able to use your resources and know when to delegate," Gambrell said.

Many University students wish to join the

Residential Adviser staff because it offers an excellent opportunity for leadership on campus. It promotes skills that help in any area of life, such as conflict management, responsibility, and preparing for real-life problems after college.

Gambrell shared her motivation to join the team.

"I particularly wanted to work with first-year students to impact their quality of life on campus during their first year. The adjustment to college was a hard adjustment for myself so I wanted to be able to be a resource for first year students during that transition and be a point of guidance for them," said Gambrell.

If you have aspirations of being a Residential Adviser, applications open Nov. 8 and close Dec. 20. The application can be found on the RA page of the University website.

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explained, reassuring students that "the process was pretty much exactly like it was with the first two."

"It's important that everyone gets the shot whenever they qualify because it will help us continue to loosen restrictions like masking and social distancing. The only way to get over this is to do it together," Dragone said.

Student Sarah Hanlon '24 received a Johnson & Johnson vaccine earlier in the year and recently became eligible for her booster. "I got [the

Johnson & Johnson vaccine] in March and just got my booster because I think it's super important to protect the community. It was super easy," Hanlon added, "and I got a Target gift card after! Everyone should get their boosters."

Members of the University community are encouraged to get their boosters when eligible. All prospective recipients should sign up online ahead of time and bring vaccination cards to booster vaccine appointments.

STUDENT CONCERNS VOICED IN "A NIGHT WITH THE PRESIDENTS"

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the Bucknell West Apartments (the "Mods") as well as Vedder Hall. While the University has offered off-campus housing options for those affected by mold exposure, Bravman noted that "it appears we've turned a corner." He explained further that, as of the most recent trustee meeting, University administrative leadership is "considering replacement" for the "Mods" on a longer timeframe.

Bravman also briefly addressed the findings and recommendations of the Food Security and Nutrition Task Force, which released a report on University dining policy late last semester. Noting that improving dining programs is a moral obligation, Bravman explained that scalable programs are difficult because both student choice and "one-size-fits-all" solutions are neither staunchly opposed nor perfectly complementary. He added that changing meal plan systems mid-stream would be "changing the terms of the bargain" for enrolled students, so any system-wide changes would

take four years to be fully implemented.

Owing to the "fairly complicated" situation surrounding dining, Bravman said that he doesn't think changes to dining will be "as high as the task force recommended," and further indicated that he doesn't "see moving tuition dollars" to support dining.

Scopano spoke in closing of efforts to create a more inclusive community, including a new committee with student Greek life leaders to address concerns voiced by BSG members while enhancing training for the organization's members.

Bravman concluded that students' time at the University might be their only opportunity to explore and devote themselves to unique academic and extracurricular endeavors. Reflecting on his decade-plus of tenure as University president, Bravman proclaimed that he works to build "the University for the grandchildren of those not yet born."



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Susquehanna River Symposium to be held at University

Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

On November 5 and 6, the Bucknell Center for Sustainability & the Environment (BCSE) will host the 16th annual Susquehanna River Symposium in the Elaine Langone Center (ELC).

"This year's event will highlight and promote collaborative partnerships that focus on improving the health and resilience of streams and aquatic ecosystems," said Program Director, Watershed Sciences & Engineering and symposium chair, Benjamin Hayes.

Mike Ferlazzo, Director of Media Relations, announced that this year's theme will be "Restoration to Resilience: Creating Partnerships to Improve Watershed Health from the Headwaters to the Bay."

The keynote speaker will be Joel Dunn, president and CEO of the Chesapeake Conservancy on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the ELC Forum.

His presentation is titled "Restoration to Resilience: Creating Collaborative Partnerships to Improve the Health of our Watersheds from the Headwaters to the Bay."

After Dunn's address, over 100 faculty and students from surrounding universities and Geisinger will be presenting research in the Terrace Room.

On Saturday, Andrew Stuhl, Associate Professor and Department Chair of Environmental Studies & Sciences, is scheduled to present from 9 to 10 a.m. in the ELC Forum.

"His presentation will draw on the historical research he conducted with Presidential Fellow Bethany Fitch '23, a theatre and environmental studies double major," said Ferlazzo in the release. "Stuhl and Fitch created more than 20 oral histories with Pennsylvanians who lived through the flood

of 1972 caused by the remnants of Hurricane Agnes and the torrential rain it brought upon the east coast."

Saturday will also feature Dave and Wendy Bray, educators and keepers of Seneca white corn, Oneo-gen, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the ELC Forum.

In the release, Ferlazzo said that they will present on the traditional practices of the Haudenosaunee Nation, commonly known as the Iroquois.

"The history and science of corn, green corn traditional dishes and cooking methods, the Longhouse seasonal ceremonial cycle, and the gift of the Life Sustained will all be discussed during their presentation," said Ferlazzo.

In Walls Lounge of the ELC, Lara Fowler, assistant director of the Penn State Institute of Energy and the Environment, will give the keynote address for the

luncheon from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. on Saturday.

She will present on research conducted on the flood impacts and flood risks in the Susquehanna Valley region. Information from recent FEMA data and concerns raised by community members will also be covered.

"The symposium annually draws together people who share a common interest in rivers, watersheds, communities and the connections between them," said Mike Ferlazzo, Director of Media Relations, in a press release. "Participants will share ideas to work toward a common goal of ensuring that local watersheds remain healthy for generations to come. At the event, the public can interact with academics and professionals through presentations and breakout discussions."

Additional presentations will be given on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. in the ELC.



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Active Minds' "Send Silence Packing" exhibit leaves a lasting impact on students

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On Monday Nov. 1, the science quad was filled with 900 backpacks that served as a striking visual exhibit to promote action around suicide prevention and bring awareness to mental health issues; each backpack represented an individual who was either a victim or a survivor of suicide.

The Active Minds club brought this traveling exhibit, titled "Send Silence Packing," to campus in an effort to reach students and showcase a moving perspective on the important issues of mental health and suicide that often permeate college campuses. According to the Active Minds website the "immersive experience" is part of their larger national non-profit organization, which is present at over 600 schools around the nation; with 18 years of experience as a leader for young adult mental health advocacy and suicide prevention, they have impacted over eight million students by their presence.

The University's chapter of Active Minds, which was reinstated two years ago by Joe Roffer '22 and Hunter Thomas '22, follows the same mission of "equip[ing] people with the resources and support to help effectively have conversations about, raise awareness for and destigmatize mental health issues." "The goal of the exhibit was to promote suicide awareness and destigmatize the conversations about mental health," co-presidents Roffer and Thomas said.

As cited from the Active Minds media kit, "the core of 'Send Silence Packing' is sharing stories." At the center of the exhibit stood the "Beyond the Backpacks" display. Most of these backpacks were donated from families and friends of young, college aged,

individuals who were either victims or survivors of suicide throughout the past few years. Attached to many of the backpacks are images and "stories about hope, recovery, and help-seeking experiences" from survivors or stories from "friends or family members who have survived the loss of a loved one" to suicide. The two national Active Minds representatives who were present at the event informed us that some of the backpacks did not have a personal individual and/or story attached to them, as they served to represent all of the individuals who might be silently going through mental health troubles each and every day.

The "Send Silence Packing" exhibit on the University's campus featured one very important backpack and story: Peyton Rumachik's. Rumachik was a 2018 University alumnus who tragically took his own life on June 3, 2018, shortly after graduating. Peyton's parents have since created a movement inspired by his life and his belief in "paying it forward," as a means of extending kindness and love to all individuals — the movement is titled "Peyton It Forward." His backpack and bowtie were featured along with his story at the exhibit on Monday. There was also free coffee for anyone who came, which was donated by the Rumachik family who came to campus to support the event.

There was a tent set up at the center of the quad, in which the club's leaders and the national representatives were available to talk to anyone who attended the exhibit while they handed out free stickers, pins, wristbands and informational pamphlets about the organization. At their table, the Active Minds club leaders "equipped students with mental health resources including a 45-minute suicide prevention training module for those to support others, information on

both self-help and helping friends through mental health issues and fundraising for mental health awareness," Roffer and Thomas said. Also under the tent was another element of the immersive experience: a virtual display on which viewers could listen to personal stories from survivors as well as families and friends of victims and/or survivors.

The University's Counseling and Student Development Center (CSDC) as well as the Religious and Spiritual Life Center were also set up at tables on the quad to assist in sponsoring this exhibit. The former was there to serve as a resource and support system for those who experienced troubling feelings or negative reactions to the exhibit. The latter set up blank poster paper on their table where individuals could write responses to how they're connecting with others and what they're doing to feel centered. There were also members of Bucknell Student Government (BSG) and a kindness campaign by the Makerspace present at the event. In this way, the "Send Silence Packing" exhibit brought together many communities on campus to promote the goals and purposes of Active Minds.

In addition to Active Minds club leaders and members as well as the national Active Minds representatives, several students volunteered to help out at the exhibit. These volunteers were scheduled shifts throughout the day to stand around the quad and hand out pamphlets and engage in conversations with those who stopped by; they were also instructed to encourage individuals who displayed negative responses to the exhibit to talk with the counseling center. There were also signs posted around the outskirts of the science quad that provided trigger warnings for the exhibit; the warnings stated that the exhibit

features stories about negative mental health and suicide, and encouraged individuals to think about their decision to participate in the exhibit.

"Being involved in Active Minds is important to me because I believe many college campuses lack effective conversation regarding mental health," Active Minds social media chair Kelsee Dunn '22 said. "Although impactful and powerful, I feel as though Send Silence Packing was an efficient way to invoke conversation surrounding suicide awareness."

"Mental health is something that impacts every single college student and it is vital that we discover a way to effectively take care of it," club member Megan Lutz '22 said.

"I became involved with Active Minds after I became comfortable and experienced enough with my own depression, in order to raise awareness and help people that deal with similar struggles to me. Helping out in the event this week was emotionally taxing but overall a good experience, and I got to meet a lot of nice people on campus that also held empathy for the same issues that the club does," Ethan Sales '22 said.

As previously mentioned, the exhibit took place on the science quad and lasted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. As a result, anyone who walked through the quad during the day was faced with the visually striking exhibit, which displayed the immense prevalence of the issue of suicide and addressed it explicitly. Despite the trigger warnings and the presence of many support systems at the event, there was some buzz on campus regarding whether this event did more harm than good. Specifically on YikYak, a social media platform that allows individuals to anonymously voice their opinions and thoughts, some were sharing that the exhibit negatively impacted them as they walked to

class on a stressful Monday morning and that it was an unnecessarily explicit way to address this issue. Moreover, these reactions to the exhibit brought up the ongoing issue regarding the lack of availability and support from the Counseling and Student Development Center. While the counseling center is separate from the club, they are both linked by the issue of mental health at hand.

In response to these comments, Roffer and Thomas point to the presence of Active Minds members, CSDC, Religious and Spiritual Life and BSG, as their "purpose in having these entities present during the event included having open discussions about the campus environment on mental health and what could be improved." "We wish we could have had the opportunity to speak to those students who were negatively impacted by the event," Roffer and Thomas said.

Similarly, event volunteer Cian Nowak '22 said, "I believe that while the exhibit was overpowering, that is what is needed to make a difference in suicide prevention. The topic has held stigma surrounding it for a long time, a powerful message needs to be made to show that it is okay to ask for help or talk about your struggles."

The co-presidents concluded by saying: "We think this underlines the issues of the mental health climate on campus in that people are hesitant of having uncomfortable, but necessary conversations about mental health. The event was intended to spark conversations surrounding suicide and mental health, but it was disappointing to not receive those through more productive discussions either with our organization, BSG or the CSDC. We believe divisions in communication between us only further stigmatizes mental health

rather than destigmatizing it. The more we collaborate as a community, the better we can foster a healthier mental environment on campus."

The issue of mental health, especially when it comes to the most extreme negative outcomes, is a sensitive topic yet it is one that must be addressed. In an effort to do this difficult task, the Active Minds club often hosts "self-care events that both teach healthy self-care but also give students an outlet to practice it." "We spread awareness through poster campaigns, mental health tabling, classroom/event presentations, and events such as 'Send Silence Packing.' With awareness, we believe in educating and equipping students with the tools and resources to help themselves and others," Roffer and Thomas said. One specific tool the club employs to help facilitate their mission is their VARs training module, which is a method for listening and supporting individuals in crisis. They also give mental health presentations in classrooms in order to educate students about the resources available to them on campus, encourage self-care, and gauge opinions on the mental health climate on campus.

"Active Minds is attempting to fulfill this act of de-stigmatization through holding events that educate our communities on topics that we should not stay silent on," Lutz said.

While there were mixed reactions to the "Send Silence Packing" exhibit, it succeeded in sparking discussion and leaving a lasting impact on those who were able to stop by. The presence of Active Minds on campus actively contributes to fostering a healthier environment where all individuals, students and faculty alike, can feel supported when facing mental health struggles.

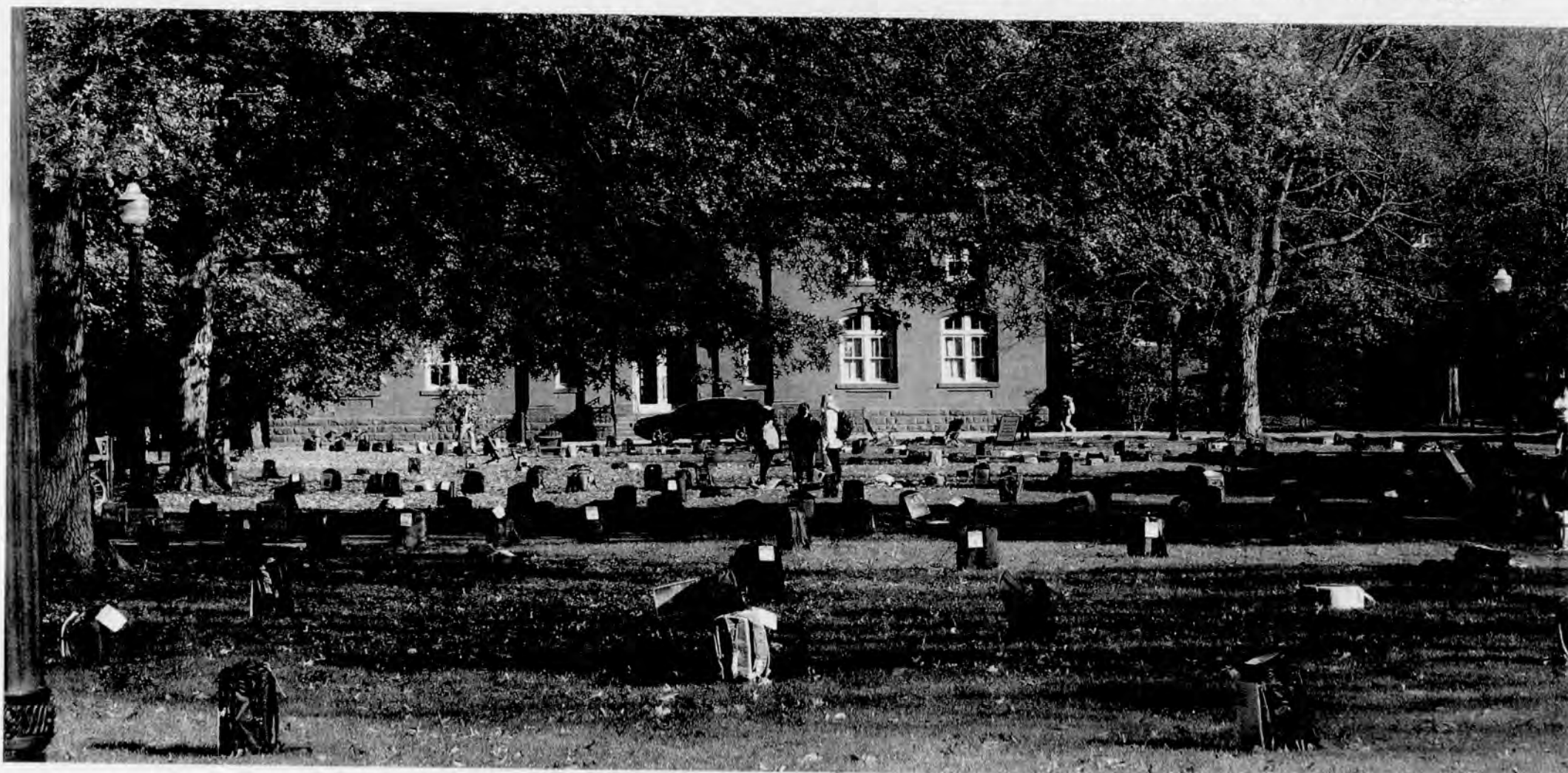


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Student loses all sense of collectivism after finding out she's in top 10% of class

Liz Whitmer
Satire Co-Editor

After lobbying professors for extensions and easier assignments on behalf of her entire class, Ruth Less '23 has shifted her course of action after learning she is in the top 10 percent of her ECON 100 class.

Her original initiative began as it became abundantly clear that the mental health of the entire student body could only be described as abysmal. However, after attending office hours to yet again pressure her professor into dropping an entire midterm exam from the course schedule, Ruth was thrilled to learn she was doing significantly better than the

vast majority of other students in her class.

Ruth, the president of several student organizations on campus, including Active Minds and University Democratic Socialists, gave a statement on the matter. "Before this, I kept thinking, like, 'we're all in this together,' but that's clearly not the case if I'm literally just so much better than everyone else," Less said. Others, particularly those involved in the University Republicans club, have similarly praised Ruth for her tremendous display of having "pulled herself up by the bootstraps."

This newfound sense of individualism is ex-

pected to take the campus by storm. After seeing the immediate recoil from helping others displayed by Ruth after learning the help wouldn't necessarily benefit her, Ruth's ECON 100 professor informed other staff members about this seeming victory. All tenured professors are now rumored to be telling 100 percent of students they are in the top 10 percent of any class in question in an effort to subdue qualms about "mental health concerns."

Thankfully, only about 90 percent of the student body will be disappointed at the end of the semester, a record-low for the University.

Everybody's a critic! Professor faces backlash after waterboarding student

Maximus Bean
Senior Writer

When it comes to backlash, sometimes it can hit even the most gentle of souls. One such case was Professor Faustus A. Grimpler, an elderly history enthusiast with a concentration in CIA re-education methods. In his class, "Guantanamo Bay and American Torture", one student took offense of Grimpler's lesson plans. During the class' lecture on American atrocities (a unit continued since Week 1), one of the students was selected for a standard in-class presentation where he was tied to a chair and doused with water upside-down.

"This is why torture is wrong, class!" Professor Grimpler said over

the student's gasps for air. Clearly a benevolent lesson to display. It has been reported that Grimpler has encouraged students to educate themselves on these horrific interrogation methods and "make it a conversation." However, not all students saw it that way.

"We have a professor who literally enjoys torturing his students," sophomore Nikola S. Knowflaik said. "You should have seen when he taught us about capital punishment used in the American judicial system. The class was abuzz when he finished the lesson. We couldn't stop talking about poor Topsy." Reportedly, Grimpler had borrowed an electric chair

from the nearby prison to show to the class.

However, not all the news about Grimpler is bad. He may be accused of "torturing" and "man-handling" some of his students, and everyone's already heard about the time he allegedly experimented on those beagles. He already served time for that though, so we shouldn't badger him about it (nor should we discuss the incident with all those badgers. We all saw how that turned out). But we're all forgetting that he has a wonderful pet bloodhound named Rudi, who he loves very much. If that does not absolve him of these heinous accusations, I don't know what will.

University student ready to stand against bigotry unless it inconveniences them in any way

Siobhan Nerz
Contributing Writer

This week, the Bucknellian features student Faye Care '23. Faye has been selected for this day-in-the-life piece because of his commitment to creating a more inclusive campus and for his recent accomplishment of founding the Bison Against Bigotry club.

On the morning of October 27 I followed Faye as he started his day by driving to class. Faye took care to proudly show me his Bernie 2016 sticker that he "thrifed" from a Volvo in the parking lot of a ski resort in Vermont. As he drove, Faye explained how he is colorblind and does not see race. However, Faye failed to mention how this vision impairment affects his driving skills. It seemed to me that Faye's "wokeness" did not apply to the state of his body in the morning because he proceeded to plow over a Black Lives Matter sign. When I suggested we stop the car, Faye insisted that we didn't have time be-

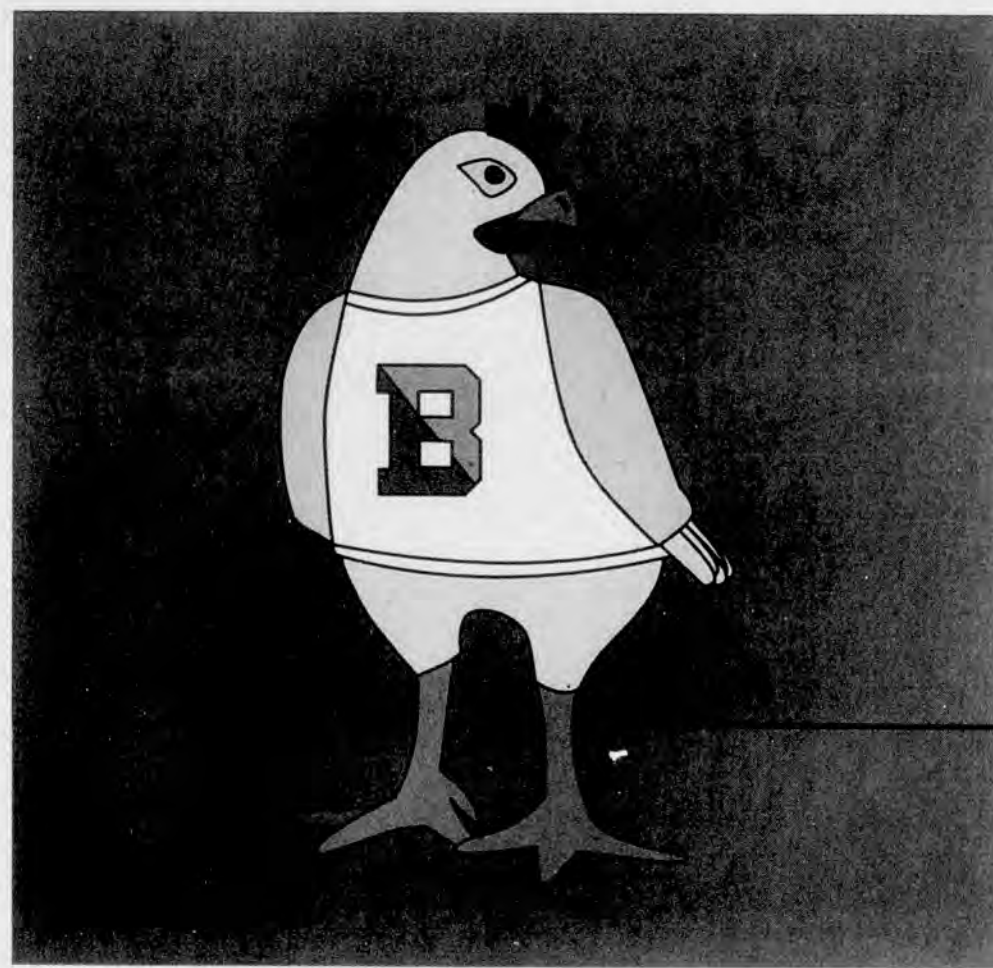
cause he was running late to his Africana Studies class. Due to my carsickness, I decided to roll out of Faye's Jeep Wrangler when he slowed down during a turn. Faye and I planned to meet again after his class.

Later in the day, I met Faye in the Academic quad. He explained how he was going to be one of the few students in his Women's and Gender Studies class to do the optional reading. When I inquired about the subject of the reading, Faye opened the PDF to show it to me. Unfortunately, the professor had uploaded the reading upside down. In response to this obstacle, Faye was no longer willing to read the article titled "LGBTQ Students on College Campuses." I suggested that he print the piece; however, Faye said he didn't have a printer in his residential building. Additionally, he wasn't interested in reading about "lemons, grapes, beets, tomatoes, and quinoa" because he al-

ready has an appreciation for healthy foods since he follows Joe Biden's fitness Instagram account (@Biden Bod).

That evening, I observed Faye at his Bison Against Bigotry meeting. Although the club is new, it already has a large membership because Faye recruited all the brothers of his fraternity. Unfortunately, due to the meeting taking place on a Wednesday, those in attendance were confused about the purpose of the gathering. Many of the meeting-goers showed up dressed as bisexuals because they thought it was the "theme." Overall, I hope readers are inspired by Faye's dedication to diversity and inclusion. I would like to end this article with a quote from Faye. I was utterly moved when the leader of the Bison Against Bigotry club eloquently remarked that Wednesday evening's meeting required a large cooler and red solo cups because his club members are "thirsty for equality."

University cracks down on no-pet policy after discovering dorm-domesticated tigers, chickens



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It goes without saying that most universities, especially in dorms, forbid the loyal companionship provided by a pet. However, this week the University experienced a culture shock when it was revealed that students all across campus had been cohabiting with domesticated animals of all kinds — from chickens to tigers and more.

"My pet bear Bartholomew is a far better roommate than my human one," Steph Irwin '23 said. "She leaves messes EVERYWHERE and is constantly breaking things when she is drunk, but Bart? Bart doesn't drink, or make messes, or yell. He also doesn't do the dishes, but he eats his raw steaks right from

my hand, so it really isn't extra work for me," Irwin said.

I have never met a bear that did drink, but then again... I have never met a bear.

Kay Zee '22 upped the ante a little more when she was caught housing not one, but two tigers! "They are emotional support animals who make my day a lot less stressful and help reduce anxiety, as well as alleviate symptoms of depression," Zee said. I don't know what doctor wrote that note, but I think having to take care of two (potentially hungry) saber-toothed tigers would cause me a lot of stress... and I bet I'd feel pretty depressed if one of them decided to eat my arm.

Other students were caught housing and being friends with a wide variety of animals; someone had an ostrich named Gary in the Gateways (who wore a tie every day), another student had a piranha that would regularly try to jump out of his bowl and bite the ankles of visitors (the owner claimed he was an "extremely skilled and well-trained security piranha") and one student cried for days after facilities came to dispose of her pet rock.

In other news, the Animal Behavior Department located their missing monkey, who had taken solace in a corner of one of the downtown party houses, and was called "an absolute legend" by the inhabitants.

Innovative: University brings in comedian instead of hiring more therapists

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Contributing Writer

Today, mental health awareness is rising at an unprecedented rate. With countless student groups and organizations dedicated to helping students manage and articulate mental health issues, the University is very aware of the mental health of its students, and they are always looking for new and innovative ways to help students fight their mental health battles. This is why the University has just announced one of its biggest plans yet.

The University has just announced that it will be bringing in Craig Fungi, one of the world's most famous comedians. Why bring in a comedian, you ask? Lenny Jokerster, president of Comic Operations at the University, has an

answer.

"We already have an abundance of resources here," Jokerster said, "and isn't laughter the best medicine?"

This new and innovative way of combating mental illness has sent shockwaves throughout the University. "I love Craig Fungi. His jokes are so funny, and they make me laugh so hard. They're really no joke," One student said.

"His shows are always a lot of fun," another student said. "Fungi always makes sure his shows are fun."

All over campus, posters have been popping up everywhere of Craig Fungi. While many of the posters just advertise the event, some have taken

a slightly different approach. One poster shows Mr. Fungi, who is normally very skinny and small, as a strong and muscular war hero with battle armor and a sword. At the bottom of the picture are the words, "Help me win the fight against mental illness."

However, not all students are excited about Mr. Fungi's upcoming campus visit as some students somehow got the idea that it is up to the University to fight against mental illness. Unfortunately for them, they are comically unaware of how expensive campus therapists are to hire.

Luckily, this project shows that the school is really here to help students one laugh and a dozen ignored calls from the Counseling Center at a time.

Professors on the Pandemic

How the COVID-19 Pandemic has affected teaching styles and looking towards the future of education

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Special Feature Editor and Senior Writer

Everyone is aware that many facets of everyday life have been altered since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mask wearing is still a very common practice, people overall are more health-conscious and social distancing is a term most everyone is familiar with. Another aspect to society that the pandemic has changed is the education system and how students learn. At the start of the pandemic, in the winter of 2020, schools shifted out of the classroom to virtual learning, mainly via the platform Zoom, to protect both the students and teachers. As the University has moved back towards in-person education, questions surrounding the long-lasting effects of the pandemic in regards to education have become more and more prevalent. To attempt to answer some of these questions, the Bucknellian reached out to staff and professors on campus to inquire more information about their experiences teaching online as well as their opinion on how education may look in the future.

Management Professor Frank Schiener who has recently taught courses focused on investments, derivatives and student-managed investment funds feels positive about how students and faculty alike reacted in 2020 moving to fully remote education and continuing in a hybrid learning model last year. "We teach students who are generally smart, ambitious and work pretty hard, so it wasn't surprising that our transition to a Zoom-based delivery model went relatively well when the pandemic first hit. When I look back at all the work that went into delivering our classes on Zoom, and subsequently the hybrid model, I am really proud of our faculty, without whom none of this would've been possible," Professor Schiener said. He also expressed some concerns following these changes in learning mobility. "I've come to understand that extending a little bit of grace during these times goes a long way. At the same time, I'm concerned that giving students a pass/fail option for the last three semesters ultimately won't serve them well," Schiener said.

Other professors voiced concern about the financial turmoil felt by most families post the COVID-19 pandemic and how this may affect education. Professor of Education Sue Ellen Henry discussed how universities already see these

effects. "Nationwide there are few students going to college; families are more hard pressed to pay growing college expenses, especially after COVID hit many families hard. We may see some impacts in our own enrollment patterns here — our rate of Pell-eligible [a federal program that supports the most economically in need students] has dipped in recent years," Henry said. She also voiced concerns about students getting back to "normal" learning mobility. "Some students are having a difficult time in coursework that requires regular, intense instruction at the high school level to set them up for success here. The interruption of instruction during the pandemic and the on-going switch to remote instruction in many districts throughout the country has

led to some learning gaps for some students. In other cases, the kinds of work that students do during remote instruction are not working for in person education, and students are having to adjust their habits and expectations," Henry said.

Similarly, Associate Professor of English Chris Camuto expressed that learning remotely is a different experience for students and professors alike, specifically within his foundation seminar. "Foundation seminars are in part, perhaps in large part, social learning ventures and depend on personal interaction on a number of levels. The Creative Writing workshop, like other seminars, needs to be in the room, elbows on the table experience. As I told my students at the beginning of this term, I was glad to have them back as three-dimensional, carbon-based lifeforms," Camuto said.

Professors across the board have noticed less participation in Zoom classes, thus making it harder for normal classroom collaboration. Professor of History John Enyeart explained how it has been difficult to adapt as a teacher during these trying times. "Students are balancing a lot and faculty are balancing a lot. So trying to be mindful of that and what students could be going through at the same time. Finding a balance is really difficult. I'm now

ranging from a fully engaged student to people who don't care at all. And some people don't care because we're discovering people are de-

pressed and experiencing other mental illness issues, some people are having motivational issues and some people are also physically ill as well, so how do you balance that?" Enyeart said.

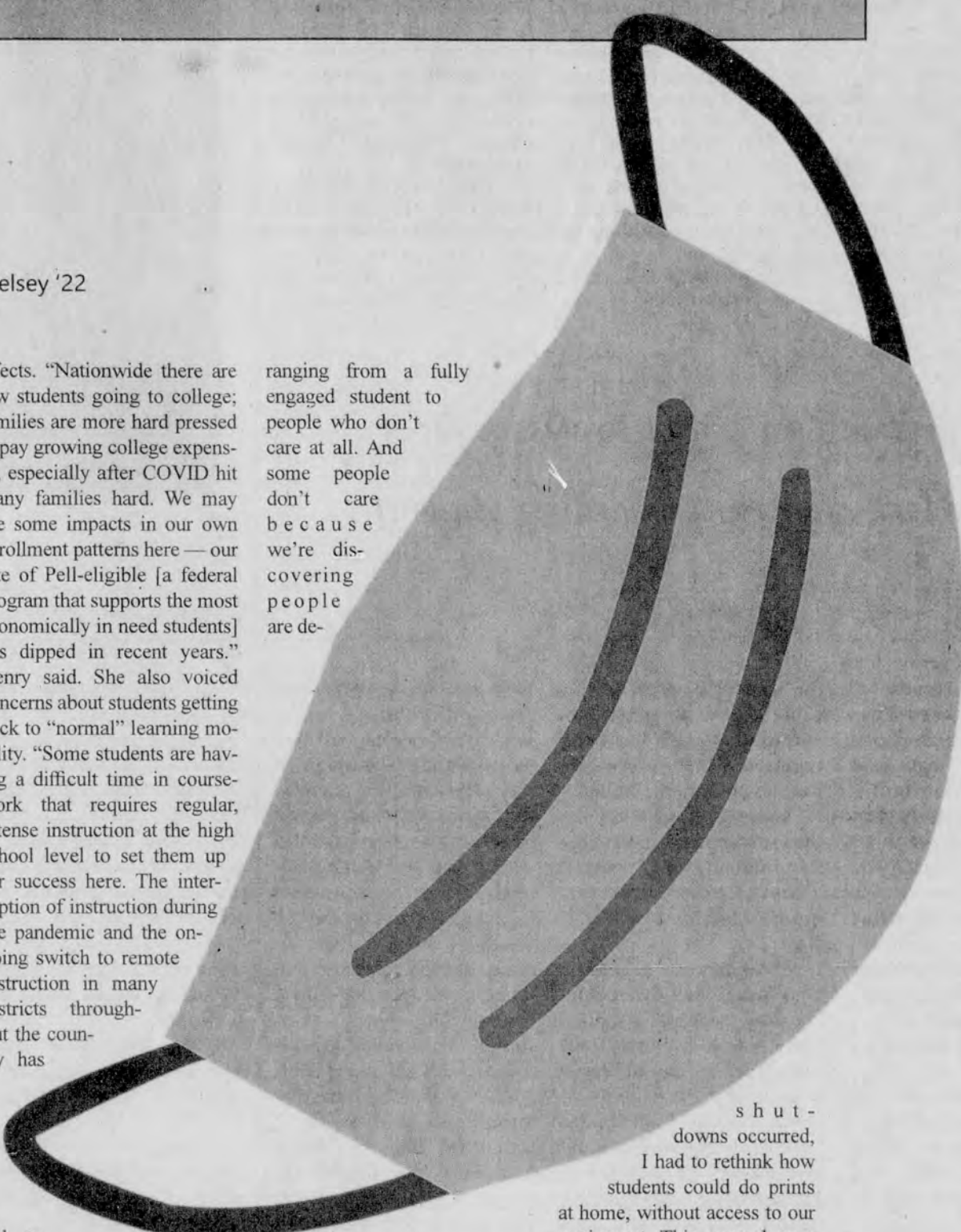
Henry also expressed concerns about student's mental health. "Additionally, it is still unclear what the long-term impacts are on student mental health from this on-going crisis... demands on psychological services have continued to increase, and students are reporting waning motivation and on-going mental health interruptions to their thinking and school work... Collected, these trends mean that faculty and staff need to be ever vigilant toward student needs. Students need to be thoughtful with one another about how to support each other through this extended period of difficulty," she added.

Classes that did not adhere to the traditional classroom environment also struggled to adapt. Assistant Professor of Studio Art Eddy Lopez explains, "Teaching art and design over the pandemic presented an enormous challenge, but also incredible learning opportunities for both the students and me. For example, I teach printmaking, a modality that uses printing presses and materials we have in the Art Barn print shop. When the

shut-downs occurred, I had to rethink how students could do prints at home, without access to our equipment. This opened up a dialogue with each student, to see what materials each had at home, and together we resolved things like doing prints using the body as a matrix, using kitchen materials like olive oil and soda to do lithography, and crayons to create color-reduction linocuts. The results were beautiful, and meaningful, prints created in the midst of this COVID tragedy."

Looking towards the future of education at the University, Camuto is optimistic that learning will eventually go back to how it was prior to the pandemic. "So although we all know now how to use Zoom for meetings, emergencies, and for expanded opportunities for student conferences outside of office hours, I hope that COVID-19 has not changed how we teach at Bucknell. I think it has reminded us, if we needed reminding, that even in the digital age, traditional in-person teaching remains at the heart of a liberal arts education," Camuto said.

Overall as a community, students and faculty must be aware of the massive impact the pandemic has taken on education and mental health alike. Although no one can know what the future holds for education styles, school systems and educators have proven their ability to adapt.



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BISON WOMEN'S SOCCER ADVANCE TO PATRIOT LEAGUE SEMI-FINAL

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Women's soccer started their Patriot League playoff campaign strong, winning their quarter-final by beating Lehigh 2-0 at home on Sunday to set up a semi-final away to Navy.

The Orange and Blue took the lead at the start of the second half when Teresea Deda '25 set up Hannah Stuck '24 for her first collegiate goal. Deda came into the game seventh in the nation in assists and racked up her twelfth of the season. The Bison then extended their lead with about 10

minutes remaining when Rylee Donaldson '23 was taken down in the box, and Claire Mensi '22 saw her penalty saved, but finished it on the third attempt.

The Bison finished with a 22-18 shot advantage in a wide-open game, where goalkeeper Jenna Hall '24 made seven saves, including several great stops to keep the shutout and secure the win.

The game was their second game against Lehigh that week, having closed out the regular season just four days earlier with a 1-0 overtime win

over the Mountain Hawks.

"It was difficult to play Lehigh back to back just because we knew they would come out strong after our overtime win the previous Wednesday. Moving on to the semifinals is huge for us and we are feeling confident going into Thursday after playing really well as a team against Lehigh," Donaldson said.

Before the game, Donaldson was presented with her award for Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year, with a league-leading 10 goals so far this season. She was

also named to the All-Patriot League First-Team.

Donaldson was one of five players who received all-league honors earlier in the week, the most since the Bison won the Patriot League in 2017. Deda was also named in the All-Patriot League first team, Mensi was named in the Second Team, and Hall and Abby Gearheart '23 received Third Team honors.

"Being named Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year was a huge accomplishment for me. I was super excited to receive the honor, but

could not have done it without my team. The key to goal scoring is having a great team that knows my strengths and puts me in dangerous areas to put the ball in the back of the net. Each goal I scored came off of a great pass and great build up through the team," Donaldson said.

The Bison now travel to Annapolis, Maryland on Thursday to play second-seeded Navy in the Patriot League semi-finals, who they beat 4-2 in their opening game of the season. The game will be played on Nov. 4 at 6 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLLEYBALL

VS. LEHIGH ON NOV. 5 AT 7PM

MEN'S WATER POLO

VS. NAVY ON NOV. 7 AT 10AM
VS. JOHNS HOPKINS ON NOV. 7 AT 3PM

FOOTBALL

VS. LEHIGH ON NOV. 6 AT 1PM

Wrestling gears up for tough season

Justin Schaumberger
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison men's wrestling team is closing in on the start of their 2021/2022 campaign. With their first competition on Nov. 13, the Orange and Blue are working hard to try to make this season a successful one.

The Orange and Blue boast a tough schedule this season with several difficult non-conference foes. In total, the Bison will face two teams ranked inside the preseason NCWA Coaches top 25 poll. This includes traveling to Stillwater, Okla. to take on number 7 ranked Oklahoma State. Additionally, the Bison will face two foes, Navy and Michigan State, who received votes in the NCWA Coaches poll but narrowly missed the top 25. These matches will starve as a stiff test to see where the Bison measure out.

"Two specific teams that come to mind are Michigan State and Oklahoma State. They both have strong reputations and hail from highly competitive wrestling conferences. With that being said though, our EIWA matchups are no walk in the park by any means; we will have great competition all throughout the season," Brandon Seidman '22

said when asked about key matches in the schedule.

Key to the Bison's success this season is Zach Hartman '22. Hartman, a three time NCAA qualifier, will serve as a team captain along with fellow seniors Darren Miller '23 and Seidman. Hartman boasts 11 wins over ranked opponents in his career and finished sixth in his weight class at the NCAA Championships last season.

Miller, the Bison's other NCAA qualifier last season, will look to continue on his success from the tail end of last season. Miller earned an automatic qualifier when he won four straight matches by a margin of 21-3 to win the EIWA Championships after losing his opening match. Seidman, Vincent Andreano '23, and Jaden Fisher '23 will also be big players for the Bison after they all finished sixth in their respective weight classes at the EIWA Championships. Mason McCready '23 and Kurt Phipps '24 also managed to place at the EIWA Championships last season finishing seventh.

Along with the returning talent, the Bison also brought in a freshmen class of 11 individuals. The class of 2025 includes individuals from five dif-

ferent states. The collective class won four state championships, has nine team captains, and has eight state placemen. They will look to contribute immediately to help the Bison this season.

On Oct. 29, the Bison engaged in an intrasquad match to serve as a sort of preseason. In the match, the squad was divided into two teams, orange and blue. The orange team emerged as the victors by a score of 29-12. Hartman and Coy Bastian '25 won their matches by tech falls while Fisher won his by major decision. McCready and Logan Deacetis '25 had one of the most competitive matches with McCready rallying to force overtime and then scoring a takedown to win 7-5.

"As a team, our goal for the season is to simply win. Wrestling is an individual sport, but it requires a full team effort to get to where we want to be. If we all worry about ourselves and do our part, winning will come naturally," Seidman said.

The Bison will open their season with the George Mason Patriot Duals. They will take on Averett at 10 a.m., George Mason at 11:30 a.m. and Bellarmine at 1 p.m. All of the matches will take place on Nov. 13.

Men's Water Polo splits MPAC weekend

Holly Burns
Sports Co-Editor

This past weekend the Bison men's water polo team faced two tough opponents. On Saturday Oct. 30, the Orange and Blue honored their seniors before a victorious match against Mount St. Mary's.

During the game Jack Otto '22, Bence Fazekas '22, Jack Lewis '22 and Josh Yardley '22 all contributed offensively for the Orange and Blue, netting at least one goal, making it a memorable senior day for the group.

The Bison were able to upend Mount St. Mary's with a 12-9 win, maintaining a lead for the majority of the game. The Orange and Blue had an array of goalscorers including Hasan Mogultay '25, Andu Vlasceanu '23, Shay Gillearn '25, Ethan Jones '24, Yardley, Fazekas and Lewis. Otto had an excellent performance in goal to keep the Mount's scoring to a minimum, making six saves on the day.

On Sunday the Bison fell by a one goal margin to Fordham after a quick turnaround following Saturday's game. After starting out the game slow, the Orange and Blue fought back to cut their deficit to only two goals by halftime.

The Bison had excellent momentum starting the second half after Matt

Ryckman '25 and Liam Stott's '24 goals right before halftime.

Late in the fourth quarter the Bison secured a two goal lead, however Fordham netted two goals in the final 47 seconds of play to send the game into overtime. The Rams scored in sudden death overtime to secure the win, but the Orange and Blue fought until the final whistle.

Otto spoke on the weekend, explaining "senior day was amazing, it was a very nice day and a great way for Bence and I to celebrate all we had accomplished in our four years together at Bucknell. We were able to collect a win over a conference opponent and continue to build momentum as we move towards the championship season. Our game Sunday was quite the nail-biter, and although we lost in sudden death, we battled back in a rowdy environment and that will most definitely help us at the end of the season playing in the important games."

The Bison host two more MAWPC games next weekend at Kinney Natatorium against Navy and Johns Hopkins. Both matches are on Nov. 7, with the match against Navy at 10 a.m. while the match against Johns Hopkins is at 3 p.m.

Field Hockey suffers two losses by a goal

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Senior Writer

The Bison field hockey team suffered two losses this weekend, each by a single goal. The first match saw a 3-2 overtime loss on the road at Lafayette on Oct. 30, while the second resulted in a 2-1 loss on the road against Drexel. Despite the losses, the Bison entered the Patriot League Tournament with plenty of hope of making a deep run.

The game against Lafayette was a back-and-forth game, with the two teams trading goals throughout. In the first quarter, the Bison and the Leopards both scored goals. Lafayette broke the scoring open when a defensive mishap by the Bison left a two-versus-one situation, resulting in a goal. Just nine minutes later, Mary Kate Stefanowicz '22 scored on a penalty corner, with Noor Kaur '23 and Mackenzie Kile '23 assisting on the play.

Lafayette soon took the lead in the second quarter, making it 2-1 for most of the match. The Bison fought hard to tie it coming out of halftime as they outshot the Leopards 6-2 and saw three solid chances on penalty corners, but the deficit would sit at 2-1 until the waning minutes of the fourth quarter. Emily Doyle '22 was able to tie the game with just 2:49 remaining in the fourth quarter, sending the two teams into overtime.

The Orange and Blue were unable to get a shot off in OT, and Lafayette was able to finish their sixth shot to send the Bison home and earn the No. 2 spot in the Patriot League Tournament. Goalkeeper Clara McCormick '23 had an impressive outing in the cage, making double-digit saves for a second time this season.

In their final regular season match of the season, the Bison fell to Drexel 2-1. The Bison took the lead in the second

quarter, when Rachel Apa '24 was able to score. Despite the lead, Drexel was able to get off a ton of shots that were all kept out by McCormick. In total, the Bison were outshot 11-4 over the first 30 minutes of the contest.

The Bison were able to maintain the 1-0 lead going into the fourth quarter. Drexel, however, was able to tie the game with about 10 minutes to play off a rebound following a penalty corner. Only three minutes later, Drexel took the lead by managing another goal. The Bison fought hard to find a tying goal, but several good opportunities were thwarted by the Drexel goalkeeper.

The Bison are playing in the Patriot League Tournament as the No. 3 seed for a fifth consecutive season, and a win against the familiar Lafayette Leopards on Nov. 4 would place them in the championship game for a second year in a row.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Andy Dorsel '25



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SWIMMING PROFILE

HOMETOWN: CHARLOTTE, N.C.

HIGH SCHOOL: CHARLOTTE LATIN SCHOOL

Clara McCormick
Senior Writer

The Bison swimming and diving team has started their season strong with a 3-0 record, beating opponents Holy Cross, Boston University and Binghamton. Andy Dorsel '25 has already been contributing to the program's success. In just the first three meets alone, Dorsel has placed three times. He took third place win of the 200 medley relay, only falling to his own teammates, first place in the 200 medley in the meet against Boston and first place win of the 200 hundred butterfly against non-conference rival Binghamton.

The first-year touches on the season thus far and how there are high hopes of the team's success in the future. "The season has been off to a great start, with a 3-0 record and some solid swims. I've been doing well at

the meets. I'm looking forward to getting even closer with the team and racing in our championship meets," Dorsel said.

The 3-0 record is a great accomplishment for the Bison indeed, as last season the record started out as 1-2. The addition of swimmers like Dorsel as well as the growing team culture has led the team to such a successful season thus far.

Dorsel's swimming specialties are a wide range as he specializes in breaststroke, fly and the individual medley. He has certainly proved his worth thus far with his performances in the meets.

Dorsel and the Bison head to Annapolis to play American, Lafayette and Navy on Nov. 6 where they hope to keep their winning streak alive.

CAREER STATS

1ST IN 200 YARD
IM (VS BOSTON
UNIVERSITY)

1ST IN 200 YARD
BUTTERFLY (VS
BINGHAMTON)

PLACED IN
6 INDIVIDUAL
RACES

PLACED IN 1
RELAY RACE

Cross Country takes on Patriot League Championship

Kaylee Donnelly
Contributing Writer

This weekend on Sunday Oct. 31, the Bison cross country team ran in the Patriot League Championship. The women finished fourth that day while the men's team finished sixth overall.

Brendan Mellitt '24 finished best among the Bison men, placing 22nd in a field of 111. Navy won the meet with 20 points, followed by Army and Boston University. Despite finishing in sixth place, the Bison were not far behind the rest, placing only six points away from fourth place.

Owen Chase '22 placed 27th overall, followed by Noah Martin '23 in 31st. Martin improved 17 places since the last Patriot League meet in 2019 at Colgate.

"The meet was a tougher one for the team, we didn't quite perform as well as we wanted to. Even so, we still gave it everything we had and that's all you can do,

nothing more nothing less. We're excited to be able to regroup and have another chance at beating a lot of these teams at the regional meet in a couple weeks," Mellitt said.

Ashlyn Ramos '22 earned runner-up honors, finishing second overall in the race among the women. She fell to Army by a second, who took the individual title. Her run was an exciting one, moving up all the way from ninth place, where she competed with the Army runner for the final portion of the race. She also earned her third-straight First Team All-Patriot League nomination on Sunday, becoming one of seven Bison to earn three of these nominations in her career.

Emily Deschler '22 finished 28th, followed by Lauren Trapani '25, who finished 29th. Karly Forker '22 was another notable runner this Sunday, finishing 32nd place and improving drastically from her last Patriot

League Championship run, in which she finished 85th overall.

"Our team showed great strength and perseverance at the 2021 Patriot League Cross Country Championship. We had a positive team mentality heading into the meet, and everyone gave it their all from start to finish. We gained a lot of momentum in the last mile and finished stronger than we started. The sea of orange cheering for us throughout the course was absolutely incredible as the majority of the cross country and track and field team came to the meet to support us. It was definitely a day I will never forget. I feel very blessed to be a Bison!" Deschler said.

The Orange and the Blue were favored to finish fifth this time around, so finishing fourth was an accomplishment. Both the men and the women will play in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Meet on Friday, Nov. 12 at Lehigh University.

Bison Men's Soccer falls to tough league opponent

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Sports Co-Editor

The Bison men's soccer squad suffered a tough loss to highly ranked league rival Navy on Sunday. The Midshipman emerged victorious by a score of 1-0. The loss also prevented the Bison from qualifying for the Patriot League Tournament as well.

Alex Clarke '22 posted a strong performance per usual, creating a lot of chances from his position in the midfield. Towards the end of the first half Clarke sent in an excellent cross, but Eddie Perez-Pelaez '23 headed the ball slightly over the bar. The Midshipmen were able

to get a finish in the 54th minute, which proved sufficient to secure a victory.

The Bison fought until the very end of the game, scrambling to get a head on a long throw by Colin Eifert '22 during the final seconds of the match. Again, Perez-Pelaez got a touch on the throw, but was unable to convert to send the game into overtime.

First-year goalkeeper Logan Kinajil-Moran '25 made his first career start against the Midshipmen, making three stellar saves to keep the Bison in the game. Navy had a 12-8 shot advantage, but Kinajil-Moran's strong per-

formance held the two teams scoreless for a majority of the match.

Unfortunately the Bison's 2-4-2 record in league play is not enough to send them through to the tournament, so they concluded their 2021 season Wednesday with one final game on Emmitt Field against the Loyola Greyhounds.

"It was a hard fought game that could've gone either way and unfortunately Navy came out on top. I just feel sorry for the seniors because the loss eliminated us from the playoffs and they have given their all to the program the last four years," Chris Masur '23 said.

BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

Blackhawks "John Doe" revealed

Justin Schaumberger
Sports Co-Editor

On Monday Nov. 1 an independent law firm, Jenner & Block, concluded their several month long investigation into a lawsuit filed by a former anonymous Blackhawks player. Yet when the results were handed over to the Blackhawks, the situation seemed even more unfinished and left many outraged.

In May under the pseudonym of "John Doe", Kyle Beach filed a lawsuit claiming that former video coach Brad Aldrich sexually assaulted both him and another player during the team's Stanley Cup run in 2010. An emotional Kyle Beach, who came forward on Mon-

day as the "John Doe", apologized to the world in an interview with Rick Westhead. Beach felt guilty that he had not done more to make Aldrich's actions public knowledge. He felt it was his responsibility that Aldrich later sexually assaulted another individual, this time a Michigan teen. While on the verge of tears, Beach said, "I'm sorry I didn't do more when I could. To make sure it didn't happen to him."

The true blame lies with the entire Blackhawks organization and the NHL. According to the report filed by Jenner & Block, numerous players and staff members knew of the allegations back in 2010. At the time, former

manager Stan Boman said "[head coach Joel] Quenneville shook his head and said that it was hard for the team to get to where they were, and they could not deal with this issue now." According to the investigation, after the Blackhawks won the Stanley Cup, Aldrich was given the chance to undergo an investigation or to resign. Aldrich chose to resign and no investigation was ever conducted. James Gary, the Blackhawks' mental skills coach, allegedly tried to convince Beach that the assault was his own fault. Additionally, Beach's own teammates, who have yet to comment on the report, reportedly teased

Beach about the allegations and directed anti-gay slurs at him. Even the NHL, which prides itself on listening to their players and defending them, chose to simply take the Blackhawks word that the lawsuit was nothing instead of investigating matters themselves.

Beach did also talk about how there were members of the Blackhawks organization that stood by him through his hardships. Former teammates Nick Boynton and Brent Sopel stood by him. Former coaches John Tortorella and Paul Vincent helped to support Beach. Vincent even "helped bring the allegations to light."

Despite the lawsuit

becoming public, there has still been a stunning amount of ineptitude by the Blackhawks organization and the NHL. Former Blackhawks head coach Joel Quenneville was allowed to continue coaching for the Panthers even after the report became public. Bowman, "who believed he would survive the scandal", resigned not because he felt guilty, but because he did not want to be a distraction to the team. The only punishment issued by the NHL was a 2 million-dollar fine against the organization. Following the public release of the results Beach said, "Although the results of the private investigation have been released, and

the Blackhawks have apologized, my battle is really just beginning as the Blackhawks continue to attempt to destroy my case in court."

Beach is now a common name in the world of hockey, but not for the reasons he imagined as a child growing up. Instead, his entire world was turned upside down by the actions of one man and the interactions of many others. However, Beach has shown tremendous courage and resilience to stand for what is right. Hopefully his fight will not be in vain and will force the NHL and other major sports to do a better job at handling situations such as this.

The Bison Volleyball Team has a challenging weekend on the court

Hannah Stuck
Contributing Writer

The Orange and Blue traveled to Washington, D.C. to play American this weekend. The Bison hit .231 overall, yet fell to the Eagles 3-1 in the match. The Orange and Blue had another match this weekend, playing at The United States Naval Academy on Saturday. The Bison fell to the Mids 3-0 on the road, with Navy hitting an average of .324 hitting percentage.

Lisa Zoch '23 had 13 kills, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Eagles' .397 hitting percentage in the match. This was the Eagle's fifth win over their last six matches. The Bison lost the first set 25-15, with American going up 9-3 after a 5-0 run early in the match.

The Orange and Blue had a successful second set, hitting .393. The Bi-

son went up 8-7 after Valentina Feigl '24 served an ace. American kept the set very close throughout, but the Bison won the set 25-22 after a three point run at the conclusion of the set. The match was now split at 1-1 after the first two sets.

American had a very powerful third set, getting a 7-0 lead on the Bison. The Orange and Blue had five service errors, losing the set 25-10. The Bison were unable to win the fourth set, losing 25-15. Jordan Hardy '25, who was previously Patriot League Rookie of the Week, had a team high of 20 digs.

In their second match of the weekend, the Bison fell in three sets to Navy. Libby Nieporte '24 had eight kills for the Bison, yet it wasn't enough to defeat the Mids.

The Bison lost 25-13 in the first set after 12 attack errors. In the second frame, the Orange and Blue had a hitting percentage of .207, but could not catch up after the Mids took an early 11-5 lead.

Navy had two 4-0 runs in the third set, making them have a 25-15 victory over the Bison, sweeping them 3-0 in the series. In the match, Sarah Ramirez '24 had a team high of 17 assists.

"This weekend while playing American and Navy, we showed strong effort. Although we came up short, I think we are improving every game. I am excited to celebrate our seniors this upcoming Friday versus Lehigh," Nieporte said.

The Bison will host Lehigh on Friday, Nov. 5 in Davis Gym while celebrating Senior Day.

Bison unable to overcome Raiders second half surge

Justin Schaumberger
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison fell against rival Colgate on Oct. 30 by a score of 33-10. The game was closely contested in the first half, but the Raiders were able to bust the game open in the second half. The loss drops the Bison to 1-7 on the season and 0-4 in Patriot League play.

The first half was a mainly defensive effort, with the Raiders leading 7-3 going into halftime. The Bison managed to get on the board first after an 11 play, 47 yard drive. The drive ended on a 24 yard field goal by Ryan Schatzel '24. This was the first time the Bison scored first in a game this season. The Raiders responded

on their ensuing drive with a long touchdown run by their quarterback. On the last drive of the half, the Bison marched down the field before being stopped on a crucial fourth down.

The second half was all Colgate as the Raiders scored 26 straight points and managed to shut out the Bison in the third quarter. The Orange and Blue were able to end the game on a high note as Mason Muir '25 caught his first collegiate touchdown with 54 seconds left from Nick Semptimphelter '24. The touchdown came at the end of a 10-play 75-yard drive by Semptimphelter who came in relief of Ethan Grady '25.

Grady played well at quarterback again, com-

pleting 10 passes for 118 yards. Semptimphelter managed 66 yards and the lone Bison touchdown in his limited appearance. Muir accounted for 30 yards, a new career high, while Marques Owens '25 and Coleman Bennett '24 had 69 and 34 receiving yards each. The Bison offensive line also had a good game not giving up a single sack. Defensively, the Bison were very good for most of the contest. Jonathan Searcy '23 had a career-high 10 tackles and Mike Bright Jr. '24 recorded a sack for the second straight contest.

The Bison return to Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium for a 1 p.m. game against Lehigh on Saturday, Nov. 6.



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Will Bucknell allow another semester of Pass Fail?

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The COVID-19 pandemic has affected people around the world in devastating ways. Lockdowns and quarantine restrictions were mentally challenging, and in many cases damaging for everyone. It appears these unprecedented times led to increases in depression, anxiety and suicide rates across the globe. As a result of the mental pressures of the looming pandemic, as well as a lack of human interaction for months, students struggled upon returning to their college campuses in August of 2020. Presumably, many felt anxious and worried about what their college experience would look and feel like in the heat of a global pandemic. The University's Counseling and Student Development Center was flooded with students experiencing mental health problems due to the current pandemic and students felt a lack of motivation to be successful. I believe many students felt more alone than ever, and as a result were not able to focus on school work and perform at their highest level academically.

With these heightened mental health issues, the University allowed students to have the option to Pass/Fail courses in the fall and spring semesters of the 2020-2021 academic school year. The University shared on their website before the

end of the fall semester that, "The University will continue to offer students the option of keeping an assigned grade or converting it to pass after final grades are submitted for the spring 2021 semester. Student transcripts will be modified to provide context about the disruption caused by COVID-19 during the spring 2021 semester and the resulting change in grading." Following the message came a word of caution, warning students of the potential consequences that could arise if they choose the Pass/Fail option. This decision could affect applications for graduate school, or it could hinder financial or future aid packages.

Coming back to campus this fall and attending all classes in person, many students are still anxious and stressed about college life and responsibility, as they grew accustomed to a socially distant world. Students may be struggling with time management, practicing and creating good study habits, participating in class and collaborating with other students. Professors have shared that students' mid-term grades are among the lowest they have ever seen. With the amount of students struggling in their classes and with mental health problems, the University should continue to give students the option to Pass/Fail their classes, as was done in the 2020-2021 school year. Although we are not in a current lockdown, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected our lives forever.

The low grades that professors have been noticing this semester are alarming and could reflect poorly on the University. "Returning to fully in person classes after remote learning has been a huge adjustment for myself, as well as my peers. As someone who has consistently performed well in my classes, I have noticed a gap this semester, demonstrating the lingering effects COVID has presented. Students deserve the option to opt for pass/fail grades considering the struggles we are all dealing with on a daily basis." Hayley Koenigsberg '23 Finance major, said. Hayley, along with other students, have witnessed a decline in their grades this semester due to the persisting effects of the pandemic, and are interested in the opportunity to Pass/Fail their courses. The pandemic is not over, and although vaccination has allowed for a return to in-person instruction, the social and emotional toll the pandemic has taken on all of us remains in our everyday lives. The adjustment to Pass/Fail surely has its pros and cons, however, the pros in this situation greatly outweigh any potential negatives. University students need academic support, and a move to Pass/Fail lifts a tremendous weight off the shoulders of all students, allowing them to focus on their personal health and preparing them to continue to pursue their academic success.

Red Wave Incoming?

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The Democratic party took a fairly significant hit this week as Republican underdog Glenn Youngkin defeated Democratic incumbent Terry McAuliffe in the Virginia gubernatorial race, and previously blue counties have begun to shift red nationwide. Nearly a year into the Biden presidency, this round of gubernatorial and local elections is really the first sample of public opinion in late-pandemic and post-Trump presidency times. President Biden has been widely criticized for pushing "leftist agendas" by Republicans — and even moderates in many areas — and the support that existed for the Democratic party in November 2020 may be dwindling as a result of policies administered over the past year. Biden's social and economic policies have been the subject of a large amount of criticism in recent months, and it appears that this criticism is beginning to gain tangible results. Concerns over excessive spending towards COVID-19 relief and social programs, as well as concerns about the "leftist agenda" being "forced upon" young people in the education system are among the chief complaints about Biden's time in office.

In reality, it appears the spending has greatly improved the lives of many people nationwide, and allowed even the poorest U.S. citizens to survive the largest economic shock since the Great Depression. Many families have been able to keep a roof over their head, parents have been able

to raise their children and those unable to work and critically affected by the pandemic have not had their lives thrown into absolute disarray as a result of the natural disaster that COVID-19 has been. Many of the "leftist agendas" being forced upon students in schools are simply accurate revisions to the current global and American history that has been taught for generations. Teaching does not have to be a stagnant practice, and truthfully, the entire purpose of education and academia is to encourage pushing the limits of what is already known, not limit information to what fits an individual narrative. The fear of leftist extremism that has been created by conservative media is becoming effective, as now even moderate voters are becoming increasingly weary about placing their support in Democratic candidates. The notion that progressivism is dangerous and harmful to the traditional American way has become a mainstay of Republican communication to voters, however, the factual evidence to support these claims is for all intents and purposes nonexistent.

Now this is not to say that Biden's presidency has been nothing but positive. The looming threat of inflation in the coming years exists as a result of excess pandemic spending within recent months, and extremism remains on both sides of the political spectrum. Inflation has historically correlated to recessions in the near future which is objectively neg-

ative, but the economy is cyclical in nature, and like it or not, an elected official on either side of the political aisle cannot singlehandedly prevent recessions. Political extremism is very similar in nature. It is an issue that cannot be resolved by a singular candidate entering office, as on either side of a bipartisan system there will always be those so entrenched in their values that they can only see one way.

The main failure of the U.S. political arena now is that the Democratic party is beginning to become painted as a group of leftist-extremists, and the Republican party is once again starting to take hold of the moderate population. President Biden and his policies are coupled with the views of what is truly a small percentage of his peers, and centrist and right-wing media outlets are generating lots of Republican support at the moment, as seen in the most recent batch of elections. States that have been blue for as long as one can remember such as New Jersey are all of a sudden experiencing tight races in which Republican candidates are making up more ground than ever, and the overall emotion of the voter base is shifting. The Democratic party needs to highlight their values more effectively to communicate with the everyday voter. The support of young progressives is imperative to their success, but they cannot limit themselves to that base, and they need to reclaim some of the middle ground that won President Biden the election in 2020.

Work structure in a post-pandemic world

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The pandemic has forced many people to mesh two parts of their lives together: work and home. Students experienced the initial stress of leaving their dorms and college campuses for home, where they were expected to juggle their home life on top of a rigorous class and study schedule, but an entirely different dimension of stress was added as a result of the pandemic. The combination of the sacred home-space and the necessity to get work done proved to be difficult for both students and employees. I was home for most of my second semester at the University, so I have learned to value being on campus for term and home on breaks. This is why I personally want to experience the traditional office structure. Pre-pandemic, I expected to be working in an office from nine-to-five, five days a week after graduating college. But the pandemic has shifted the priorities of people with office jobs, regardless of age. The necessary overlap of work and home has emphasized

maintaining their personal lives in a culture that puts work first and thus new possibilities for office life.

Other members of the younger generation, as a whole, seem to desire a more traditional office experience. A Bloomberg Opinion poll shows that over 60 percent of informants aged 18 to 24 prefer a hybrid work setting over working entirely from home or entirely from an office, and over 20 percent of informants in this age group prefer to work entirely from an office. The Washington Post lists reasons for the eagerness to return to or enter an office work setting, including the fact that many recent graduates do not have the space in their living area to accommodate a room dedicated to work, making it harder for them to place distance between their two worlds. The separation is a necessity for productive work and personal reflection, which is evident by the overwhelming desire to at least return to a hybrid model.

For those who are not as eager to return to the office, co-working spaces are being established. Many who are about to graduate or have gradu-

ated in the last few years are in agreement with the older members of the workforce that they need to have an equal balance between work and their life outside of work—meaning a combination of going into an office two or three days a week and working from home on the other business days. These co-working spaces allow older generations to limit their commute and leave more time for personal activities. The New York Times specifically discussed employees from New York City suburbs that are dreading commutes that they had been enduring for decades and who prefer the luxury of the pandemic hybrid model. Beyond cutting down the commute to work, creating more time and allowing an escape from distractions at home, are co-working spaces really the answer? They might make it more difficult for people who once worked on a team to meet in person if they live in distant suburbs. Co-working spaces are certainly less efficient and create more desire for the traditional office setting that has seemed to work for over a century.

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Daylight Savings is a waste of Time

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Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday at 2am. While the extra hour of sleep is always appreciated, why do we shift the clock two times a year?

In the 18th century, the "spring forward" was an energy saving tactic. The idea was that people would not burn as many candles if they experienced "more daylight" during the evening. Daylight Savings Time was particularly useful during WWI as a means to conserve fuel; moreover we are faced with a much different reality. Fortunately, we are not concerned with candle consumption or filling our lanterns with fuel. The countless other ways we consume energy—TV, air conditioners, appliances—make the original intentions of Daylight Savings Time obsolete. However, the extra hour of daylight has proven to be beneficial for businesses as consumers have more time to stop and shop—particularly for people on their way home from work.

Slowly, Congress has extended the duration of Daylight Savings as an attempt to emphasize these increases in sales. NPR reports that "When daylight saving was extended into early November about 15 years ago, many saw the U.S. candy industry as a winner, since the extra hour

of daylight could drive sales of more Halloween treats." While halloween candy is a simple demonstration of the economic benefits, the profits can add up in certain industries. Michael Downing, a professor at Tufts University who wrote Spring Forward: The Annual Madness of Daylight Saving Time notes that when Congress held hearings on extending DST in the mid-1980s, officials from the golf industry said an "additional month of daylight saving was worth \$200 million in additional sales of golf clubs and greens fees. The barbecue industry said it was worth \$100 million."

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, nineteen states have passed legislation that are in favor of all year round DST, meaning we would no longer shift the clock and still have an extra hour to spend money. In comparison, Arizona and Hawaii have rejected DST altogether and choose to operate on Standard Time, which we will be switching back to on Sunday. The urge to choose one or another is based on our natural circadian rhythms.

These rhythms are our natural physical, mental, and behavioral changes that occur within a 24-hour day. As Anita Shelgikar, an associate professor of neurology who sees patients

at Michigan Medicine's Sleep Disorders Centers, explains "light is the most powerful regulator of our internal clock, also known as our circadian rhythm, and some people may not even adjust to the time change after several months." Therefore, the grogginess and dread felt during the shift to DST in the spring is your body's natural reaction—not sheer laziness.

While gaining back the extra hour of sleep on Sunday is the small win that we all need leading up to break, DST is an unnecessary shift that proves a risk to our health. Doctor Shelgikar, elaborates that "switching to Daylight Saving Time is associated with cardiovascular morbidity, a higher risk of a heart attack or stroke, and an increase in hospital admissions for irregular heartbeats."

Why risk these health concerns? The original concern about energy is out-of-date and the economic benefits are simply not worthwhile considering the negative health benefits. The nineteen states that promote the full-time shift to DST are promoting a system that is at odds with our intrinsic circadian rhythm. Pennsylvania should follow suit with states like Arizona and Hawaii and commit to Standard Time.

Judgement: The silent killer

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Judgement. It's something we all have faced, something we all have committed. It is often an involuntary reaction and a natural response because of our habits to compare ourselves to others. However, despite judgmental sentiments incessantly popping into our heads, it is necessary that we address the dangers of expressing judgement and shame onto not only other people, but ourselves.

How do we classify acts of judgement? Judgmental actions are expressions of critical points of view and harsh, unnecessary opinions. Whether it be in regards to someone's appearance, life choices or culture, casting judgement on another person is detrimental to their happiness and inhibits their ability to live their lives freely and fully. Judgement can be expressed verbally or indirectly through facial expressions. Indirect expressions of judgement are more hurtful due to ability to hide behind claims such as "but I never said anything to judge you!" In re-

ality, the speaker's facial expression and glaring eyes delivered the judgement just the same.

In order to create a less judgmental campus and society we need to understand the dangers of casting shame upon another individual. Judgement is what prevents addicts from reaching out for help and suffering in silence, prevents people from coming out and prevents a student from raising their hand in class. Judgement is the gun that shoots down the ability of someone to freely express who they genuinely are. Moreover, the constant outside judgement instills a fear, so we judge ourselves before anyone else has the chance to beat you to it.

Now, this is not me playing an angel and saying that we need to stop judging others, period. To be honest, that is impossible. Judgmental thoughts are inevitable in our heads, however, it is how we handle these thoughts that needs to change. While this is a cliché, we must recommit to the ideal of "think before you speak." Evaluate if your cri-

tique is coming from a place of wanting to constructively help someone or with the intention of tearing someone down. Moreover, when expressing a sincere opinion of constructive criticism, try swapping out "you always do this..." and "you need to stop..." with "I feel that you should..." or "maybe try doing this instead of..." Utilizing personal pronouns and suggestions when expressing an opinion helps the listener feel less attacked and more open to accepting your ideas.

Judgment is one of those lovely human instincts that our brains are wired to express. However, the inevitable nature of these thoughts give us no excuse to express every piece of criticism that enters our heads. It is often those that fear judgment the most who in turn cast judgement. The fear of enduring shame from others locks our self-expression in a cage. When we reflect on the intent and impact of our opinions before we speak, these cages will disappear, and the ability to embrace ourselves and our individuality will flourish.

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CRUMBS FROM THE TABLE OF JOY

BY LYNN NOTTAGE

RACE AND POLITICAL CURRENTS IN 1950S BROOKLYN

Two weeks ago here at the University, the theatre department brought to life the story of the fictional Crumb family in the play "Crums From the Table of Joy," written by Lynn Nottage and directed on campus by Dr. Jaye Austin Williams. Although the play first premiered in 1995, it takes place in the turbulent 1950s, following father Godfrey Crump and his two daughters Ernestine and Ermina. At the beginning of the play, the family is starting a new chapter of their life in Brooklyn, N.Y. after the passing of Godfrey's wife. Ernestine, a seventeen year old, takes the role of the protagonist, and the story is told essentially through her perspective. "Crums from the Table of Joy" explores Ernestine's new experiences and struggles in life as she pursues a career as a writer. It also follows along with the bond she forms with her mother's sister, Lily Ann Green. The play embodies New York life in the 1950s, focusing particularly on the reality of struggles faced by families of color

in this era. The family's lives change still further when Godfrey Crump leaves temporarily, returning as a newlywed with Gerte Schulte, a white German immigrant woman. The cast consisted of Bryanni Williams '23 - who played the role of Lily Ann Green - Isaiah Mays '23 as Godfrey Crump, Azhani Duncan-Reese '23 as Ermina Crump, Jeniah Martin '22 as Ernestine Crump, and Miki Du Bois '22 playing the role of Gerte Schulte.

The play attracted the attention of many University students and members of the community alike, selling out of its campus production. Endia Scales '24, a student involved with the University's theatre program, took time to watch the play and was happy to share her opinion of the show. "The cast members all embodied their characters really well, and that made the play come to life even more for the audience," Scales explained. Fellow student Caleb Wooten '23 also had the opportunity to attend a showing. "Dr. Jaye Austin Williams and the actors did a great

job of articulating the anti-blackness in American society and how it manifests itself through everyday life." He added that "even though the play is set in the 1950s, the lessons that the play teaches apply to the current time period and are extremely valuable." As shared by Wooten, the lessons that were relayed in the play are pertinent and can be applied to our lives today, regardless of time period. Furthermore, the play discusses the complexity of race within society, a topic clearly highly relevant in a world racked by police violence and systemic inequality. Due to the importance of these issues and the lessons taught in "Crums from the Table of Joy," it is encouraged for all University students to attend these plays and other events on campus that shed light on these issues.

"Crums From the Table of Joy" takes on the task of portraying many issues of the harsh reality that people of color struggled with in the 1950s. While some of these social ills have been resolved, others re-

main festering to this day. The early 1950s were a period of major social transition in the United States — it sits firmly on the precipice of the Civil Rights Movement. After first writing and premiering the play in 1995, playwright Lynn Nottage shared in an interview that, "The 1950s was such a moment in American history in which I felt so much change...everything I had seen was in black and white. And I wanted to make it colorful. So I started writing "Crums from the Table of Joy" to try to understand that era." The University theatre received astounding reviews for their production of this compelling show, and the University community is encouraged to attend future performances.

Throughout the semester the University Theatre company offers a variety of shows such as the Fall Dance Showcase, "The Taming of the Shrews," Fall Dance Concert and One Act Plays. More information surrounding these future showings can be found in the theatre and dance department brochure.

Editor's note: Crums from the Table of Joy was presented as a companion piece to Appropriate by Braden Jacobs-Jenkins, also performed by the University Theatre Department. A special feature on this play appeared in our October 29 issue.

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University gathers to "Take Back the Night"



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RECOGNIZING LEWISBURG RESTAURANTS!

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SpeakUp hosted their annual "Take Back the Night" celebration on Thursday, Nov. 2 for University community members to come together to honor the stories of victims and survivors of sexual violence and/or assault, show

support for all individuals affected by the issue and bring awareness to its prevalence on our campus.

This signature event concluded the group's No More Month programming. Each year, students and faculty come together to share speeches, poetry, singing and other performances. The event ended with a solidarity march around campus. This year, victim-survivors and allies bundled up and gathered in the space between Smith Hall and Ve-

der Hall.

Opening remarks were given by three members of SpeakUp: Fae Groves '24, Krystell Ewing '24 and Helena Strauss '24. They each spoke about the significance and weight of the event's purpose as well as the prevalence of sexual violence and sexual assault on the University's campus and the stigma that surrounds it. In order to address this latter issue, the three read anonymous testimonies compiled from

Yik Yak as well as a Google Form in order to collect and share the experiences and perspectives of multiple individuals on campus.

Groves said that one of the major goals of this unconventional speech was "to shed light on the perspectives that are often silenced on this campus: the perspectives of victim-survivors."

Moreover, she said that the University as an institution should hold itself accountable to its lack of

acknowledgement towards sexual assault cases on campus and for being "complicit" towards rape.

She shared that one of the responses that was sent in recalled an assault perpetrated by a member of an athletic team, and when peers found out about the assault, they congratulated the victim for managing to get with the individual.

"This speaks volumes on our campus' [complic-

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Sal Vulcano brings laughs to campus

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News Co-Editor

Anyone walking past Sojka Pavilion last Friday night could hear a crowd of about 1,200 students bursting into laughter.

Campus Activities and Programs (CAP) Center and CORE hosted comedian Sal Vulcano for an hour of standup comedy in Sojka Pavilion as part of their annual Center Stage event. Center Stage has been one of the largest CORE events run through the CAP Center every year for roughly the past 10 years, besides 2020 due to the pandemic. This year, students were required to wear masks for the duration of the event while in the venue.

Jada Lopez '24, a co-executive planner for this event, said that creating a masking protocol for students to adhere to was the most difficult part of organizing the event. She said that after students did not follow guidelines at the Bucknell Refresh event, there was a lot of pressure to figure out a way to make students follow the rules.

"Thankfully with the rules of no bags, food, or drinks allowed inside Sojka, and the masks that were given out if a student didn't have one, there were little to no masking incidents," Lopez said.

Lopez added that seeing the line of students outside prior to the event rewarded the hard work

that she and her team went through.

Vulcano has been known as a star on the hit TruTV series "Impractical Jokers" since it began in 2011. The success of the show has also propelled Vulcano's stand-up and improvisational comedy career. In addition, Vulcano hosts a podcast with co-star Brian Quinn called, "What Say You?"

Meredith Brendel '24 attended the performance with her friends after seeing an advertisement in the Elaine Langone Center (ELC).

"I have been watching Impractical Jokers since middle school and I just knew he would be so hilarious live," Brendel said. She said that she was not disappointed.

"I thought he had such a fun performance and was so engaged with all of us in the audience," Brendel said.

Abby Neff '22 also enjoyed the performance, but has never seen Impractical Jokers.

"Originally all of my friends were super excited about it and I always go to the big guest speakers and the events that the Cap Center throws. For some reason I never connected that it was [Sal] from Impractical Jokers. I've never watched the show, but

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Midterm grades still being affected by the pandemic

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The past few semesters have been challenging for most students with classes being a mix of in-person, hybrid and remote learning. While this semester is back to primarily in-person learning, the effects of the pandemic still linger.

Midterm grades are a way for professors to indicate to a student that they currently have a low or failing grade. Midterm grade reports are only given to students who have grades in the D-F range and do not go on transcripts. They are meant to reach out to a student so they can make the changes necessary to succeed in the class.

"The philosophy for many faculty members is to use midterm grades liberally because they don't stay on the students record permanently," Professor Karen Castle, the chair of the Chemistry Department, said. "They can be really useful for encouraging students who are struggling."

This past semester the Chemistry Department, as well as other departments, saw an increase in the amount of midterm grades given. Chemistry, like many subjects, is one that builds on itself. Many students found it difficult to learn during the pandemic as classes were remote.

"I think that in some cases the remote course modality works for some stu-

dents and it doesn't work for other students," Castle said. With there being a struggle to learn the fundamentals of subjects, such as chemistry, it is probable that there would be more students struggling to learn new material that is based upon foundational knowledge.

One class that has gotten some attention for being particularly difficult this semester is Organic Chemistry II. While Organic Chemistry is known for being hard, it appears as though more students are struggling with it this semester.

"The thing that is special in some ways about Organic Chemistry II is that this is a course that directly builds on the prerequisite course," Castle said.

This leads back to the issue that students may be lacking the fundamental knowledge they need to succeed in courses that build on each other, simply due to the fact that while the University has returned to normal it is impossible to forget the side effects of the pandemic, Castle added.

"I think we will continue to see the pandemic effects for the foreseeable future, but I do think it's probably worse this year. I think it's going to get better... Most of the students who are taking Organic II are sophomores... I think many of them didn't pick up the study skills, and didn't really learn what a college lab science was like," Castle said.



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BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.
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Brief by Jaxon White
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INTERNATIONAL

According to The Washington Post, the United States and China have made a pledge to decrease climate change in the coming decade at the COP26 talks. Although there were not many details or specific dates, the commitment apparently led to more open conversations during the United Nations climate negotiations.

On Wednesday Youtube announced it will hide dislikes on videos, according to a press release. The release said that viewers can still dislike videos or privately share feedback with content creators. The company said that the move is to mitigate harassment and dislike attacks on videos.

DOMESTIC

President Biden will sign the bipartisan infrastructure bill on Monday, according to The Hill. The bill contains \$550 billion in new federal spending, invested over the next five years. It is intended to improve roads, bridges, ports, and expand broadband access. This bill has become considered Biden's biggest accomplishment in his first year. Next, the White House will work to pack the social spending package proposed by Democrats.

Senator Elizabeth Warren, along with two other Democrats, sent a letter to President Joe Biden pushing for pardons for federal nonviolent cannabis convictions on Tuesday. Biden initially supported decriminalization during his campaign trail. The senators wrote that Biden can act independently and write a blanket pardon for all of those affected.

SAL VULCANO BRINGS LAUGHS TO CAMPUS

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I'm a sucker for stand up comedy," Neff said.

Despite not being as familiar with Vulcano as some of the other audience members, Neff said that she enjoyed the show.

Both Neff and Brendel did express that, although Vulcano's performance was enjoyable, the opening act by comedian Chris Johnston did make multiple jokes they felt were sexist.

Neff took the 'Ethnic Comedy' course offered last semester, ENLS 222, and said that the class came to the conclusion that a risky joke must be a funny joke.

"The crowd wasn't finding [Johnston's] risky jokes funny, in my opinion," Neff said.

Lopez wanted to clarify that CORE members were not involved in selecting the opening act.

"When CORE selects speakers/performers, it's important to us that everything is student-driven. I, alongside my peers,

created an initial list of comedians and then put together a google form which was sent out to the student body for them to vote on who they would most like to see. Sal Vulcano got 75 percent of the votes this year. We were told that Sal would bring his own opener and it would be a surprise to both CORE members and the general student body. Therefore, while we selected Sal to be the main performance, we did not hand-select the opener," Lopez said.

Still, both said that they do not remember being offended by any of Vulcano's jokes and that the opener's content did not ruin the night.

"It was super fun to see live comedy," Brendel said.

According to KSAT, an affiliate of ABC News, Vulcano will perform next in San Antonio in December with fellow comedian Chris Distefano.

MGMT 101 teams serve up fresh ideas

Nick DeMarchis
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Students enrolled in Introduction to Management (MGMT 101) are looking to make a real impact with their work, both in Lewisburg and beyond.

MGMT 101, an integral part of the University's Management program curriculum since 1979, allows students to create and manage "companies" of 25 peers to benefit local community organizations. This semester, two companies are working to support Lewisburg groups; while one is establishing itself near Milton, another supports a national organization based out of Williamsport.

Terry Burke, the coordinator for MGMT 101, said that teams "'pain-storm' issues that hold a deep meaning to them and something that they would like to see changed in the world," and then choose a community partner based on that decision.

Professor of Management Tammy Hiller added that Management 101 companies "don't just fundraise for their partners, but instead build their missions around their service projects."

For instance, The Improved Milton Experience ("TIME"), "works with underprivileged kids and tries to give them a safe place to go after school... a safe place to be themselves," Sam Godshall

'24, the CEO of "Dreams Take TIME," said.

Originally, the team had planned on creating a music studio for TIME's downtown space to help community members bring their musical visions to life.

"In 24 hours, that plan instantly crumbled around us," Godshall said. He described how his team had to quickly learn crisis management, and "very luckily, because of the team that we have, we've had no trouble adapting and overcoming these problems." Instead, the team has decided to invest in the community involvement of TIME in general.

Last week, Dreams Take TIME hosted a Fall Festival with pumpkin painting and a costume contest to begin their fundraising efforts. So far, they've raised over \$2,300 for TIME in Milton.

Lindsey Knutzen '22, a former participant and TA for the course, remarked, "MGMT 101 taught me how to conduct myself and communicate with stakeholders, such as the University & my partner organization. This course gave me confidence to ask them the right questions and meet true needs."

Another company decided to raise money for Disabled American Veterans (DAV) of Williamsport through a service partner, Operation Gratitude. Keri Gilligan

'24 said their team has a mutual "commitment to advocate for disabled veterans, but also for underrepresented groups like women and minority veterans." Their company "Appreciating America's Heroes" hosted a golf tournament this past Sunday, and made paracord bracelets for active duty service members.

DAV is a national social welfare organization that provides "transportation to medical appointments," support to Veterans' Affairs facilities, and "special assistance to veterans in need in communities nationwide." So far, Appreciating America's Heroes has raised over \$2,600 for DAV.

Working on this project gives students a "hands-on learning experience that connects to the management theories and models taught in class," the team's Oral Reports Manager Sarah Hanlon '24 said.

"Everyone has come in ready to learn. This environment has shown the determination that our company has, something that is irreplaceable," Gilligan said.

Associate Professor of Management Jamie Hendry said that students' education through their more theoretical courses serves "as a means of explaining why things in their MGMT 101 companies are unfolding as they are and as a means of determining how

they can continuously improve, both as an organization and as individuals."

"From the very start, the course helped students learn about not only efficiency and effectiveness — the two principles typically undergirding introductory management courses the world over — but also community, which may be the most important and powerful factor of all, as students often figure out for themselves by the end of the semester," Hendry said.

One team decided to partner with a nonprofit just off-campus, the Lewisburg Children's Museum. Maura O'Brien '24, the CEO of "Creativity for Change," said her team "has always had a shared passion for helping children in our local area."

Their project involves "fundraising for the Lewisburg Children's Museum's 'Count Me In' program, which helps children from lower socioeconomic status gain entry to the Museum's invaluable educational activities and exhibits, at reduced or no cost. Through partnerships with Sweet Frog and Pizza Phi we are able to encourage community members to support both local establishments and the Museum's 'Count Me In' program." So far, Creativity for Change raised over \$5,200 for the museum.

"I love that my team brings such diverse opin-

ions, perspectives, and ideas to every company session we have. I love that individuals actively engage with each other to work through difficulties that come up, strengthen ideas that need support, and make smart decisions that will lead to successful outcomes," O'Brien said.

Last spring, "327 MGMT 101 companies have provided services and donations valued in excess of \$520,000 and have worked about 106,000 person-hours (outside of class time) for their service partners," Hendry said.

Another team's CEO, Lea Codispot '24, said that when "learning about [RiverWoods Meals on Wheels'] commitment to supporting those facing food insecurity (nearly 100 clients), we knew we had to help in some way."

Their team, "Bison Meals 'n' Wheels," has so far raised over \$3,000 to deliver hot meals to homebound individuals in Lewisburg, Milton and Montandon.

Their company's donation page says that "The great news is that Meals on Wheels of RiverWoods operates so efficiently that one meal costs just \$3.95!" The team plans on coordinating with local restaurants to deliver a portion of nightly profits to RiverWoods.

Codispot attributed the team's successes to "the community we've built

both in and out of class. Every member is supportive, willing to step outside of their comfort zone, and eager to try new things."

"There is nothing quite like Management 101. Every class tries to teach some level of 'real world application' in relation to the material we learn. Management 101 makes you live through that real world scenario," Codispot said.

Burke said "The most successful MGMT 101 companies aren't necessarily the ones who have the best project or raise the most money," but instead "are the ones that demonstrate that they genuinely care about one another."

"Unlike many other courses, MGMT 101 has real-world implications and consequences. We are also helping real people and get to serve them directly. It requires teamwork incomparable to small group projects seen in different classes. This class is a hallmark of the management education that Bucknell offers, and will be something that future companies are able to reflect on for years to come," Gilligan said.

O'Brien said, "This course requires a lot from us, but for those who embrace it, I truly believe we will soon see just how invaluable this experience will be for shaping our minds and goals for ourselves and for our futures."

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UNIVERSITY GATHERS TO 'TAKE BACK THE NIGHT'

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ity] towards interpersonal violence," Groves said.

The event was emceed by Rachel Milio '22, who introduced each of the following speakers.

The first to the stage was President Bravman. This year, Bravman began by describing sexual violence as a 'pandemic' and sharing his own personal connection to the issue. President Bravman said that while much has been done to address the issue on the University's campus with the efforts of SpeakUp as well as the various staff who have been hired to address sexual violence and other related issues, it still remains a prevailing issue that demands more awareness and action.

Additionally, Sophie Guichardan '23 gave a speech as VP of Administration on the Bucknell Student Government (BSG). Guichardan shared her personal experiences with sexual harassment and other gender-based injustices in order to illustrate the varying degrees to which sexual misconduct affects so many individuals, especially women, throughout their lives.

The first victim-survivor to speak at this year's event was Avery Landon '22. She shared a letter written to a past friend who had failed to serve as a supportive ally.

"I decided to share it this year because I am hoping that it will be cathartic for me and provide me with some much needed closure. While I am nervous and have some reservations about sharing my experience I believe that it is necessary in providing the campus with a narrative about the importance of being a positive bystander and a positive support system for victim-survivors," Landon said.

Landon shared the following quote with the group: "Words can do a lot of damage, but a lack of words can do just the same."

Landon has also been the Events Coordinator of SpeakUp since her sophomore year. Through this position, she's had the opportunity to plan and organize events such as The Red Flag Campaign and Take Back the Night. The latter event is meant to show campus-

wide support for victim-survivors.

The second speaker was Tatiana Roman '22, who shared a spoken word style poem and speech written about their experience as well as the collective reality of how women and femmes of color are disproportionately targeted and affected by sexual violence, and other forms of violence.

Following Roman was Paris Grigsby '22. Grigsby told of her experience with not only sexual violence/assault and relationship violence, but also with her healing process. Similar to Landon, she "decided to share [her] experience" because, after having been a SpeakUp peer for all of her four years at the University and having watched Take Back the Night for many years in the past, she "felt comfortable enough to speak out."

"I also wanted to share because historically this event has had majority, if not only, white speakers and I didn't want victim-survivor stories to be represented by only one demographic," Grigsby said.

"I was very nervous sharing my story because I've told close friends and family before, but I've never spoken about it so publicly. One of the experiences I'm sharing happened my first year of college here at Bucknell, so it's a full circle moment to share my senior year and reflect on the growth and healing I've had," Grigsby said.

'Take Back the Night' is important because it provides a raw opportunity for victim-survivors and community members to acknowledge one another and support one another," Grigsby said.

Due to the state of the University during the pandemic, there hasn't been a Take Back the Night since 2019. Grigsby said she was happy to see its return to campus.

The last student to speak was Zoë Wilson '23, another avid member of SpeakUp. Wilson contributed to the event by reading a piece written by Professor Meenakshi Ponnuswami discussing her experience with sexual assault and sharing her thoughts on the issue. Professor Ponnuswami was unable to attend

'Take Back the Night' this year because it conflicted with her Diwali celebration, and she requested that Wilson read her piece for her.

"I was worried that I would not do her story justice, but the words — politically charged and angry at times, calming and supporting at others — spoke for themselves," Wilson said.

Wilson shared that she's known Professor Ponnuswami since her first semester at the University when she led her Foundation Seminar. The two also worked on the staff of the Social Justice Residential College together and over the years they've developed a close relationship.

"It meant the world to me when [Ponnuswami] agreed to write a piece for Take Back the Night because her assault story is one of the most cruel but inspiring stories I have ever heard," Wilson said.

Following the speeches, readings and performances, students at the event participated in the symbolic march. This year, the route went up Saint George Street, down University Avenue and back across Loomis Street. University buildings that were passed include Larison Hall, various affinity houses including Carey House, President Bravman's house and the Phi Gamma Delta chapter house.

In past years, the march has covered more of the campus and on-campus buildings. Throughout the march, participants chanted cheers, such as "stop the violence, no more silence, take back the night" and "hey hey, ho ho, rape culture has got to go."

Lindsey Higgins, the University's Interpersonal Violence Prevention & Advocacy Coordinator, shared her sentiments on the importance of the event.

"I think that Take Back the Night is important because it is a chance for us as a community to center the voices of survivors, confront the realities of campus sexual violence, and reexamine the role we each play in either upholding or challenging the social structures and power dynamics that allow this violence to take place. And hopefully inspiring folks to take action. To interrupt. To intervene. To

believe. To support. To embrace their voice," Higgins said.

This annual event brings up the question of sexual safety and allyship, and what is being done to improve the status of both at the University.

"Sexual safety on this campus, in my opinion, is low. There's so many factors that play a role but to keep it brief, there's definitely a culture on campus that perpetuates rape culture and shows blatant disregard for consent and human autonomy," Grigsby said.

"I think one of my other concerns with sexual safety is that there's so limited resources on campus that not all victim-survivors are heard and supported in a timely manner," Grigsby said.

The current resources for all sexual misconduct issues are: Title IX Coordinator and Director of Institutional Equity Samantha Hart, Interpersonal Violence Prevention & Advocacy Coordinator (IIVPAC) Lindsey Higgins and, of course, SpeakUP. Related resources include the Counseling & Student Development Center, Bucknell Student Health and Public Safety.

"In this role, my responsibilities are two-fold: coordinating interpersonal and sexual violence prevention education/awareness programming and providing confidential advocacy and support for students affected by interpersonal violence. For me, this looks like supporting the student as they process their experience, exploring their options and resources together, and ultimately empowering them to make informed decisions," Higgins said.

Under the umbrella of education and awareness programming, Higgins also advises and supports SpeakUp peers; this year, she helped bring the Take Back the Night vision into fruition.

"I do this work because I refuse to accept that campus violence is inevitable. Interpersonal and sexual violence has no place in the college experience and I believe that we have the power to educate ourselves and each other on the social systems that uphold rape

culture and then use that knowledge and understanding to work together to shift the culture of our community and create a campus environment that is safe for all students," Higgins said.

Groves shared her perspective as a Speak Up peer and as a Residential Advisor. She said it seems that the University is putting most of the pressure to improve campus onto students and people of color.

Groves spoke publicly for the contrary, as she repeated it is the responsibility of those in power to address policies and cultures, power dynamics, safe spaces, accountability of perpetrators and support of victim-survivors.

"I think that the state of sexual safety and allyship on this campus needs to improve. You cannot be an ally if you are not willing to outwardly condemn sexual violence and there are not enough people willing to do so," Landon said in regards to both sexual safety and allyship.

Grigsby elaborated on this notion of allyship: "I definitely think there are very active and outspoken allies on this campus. However, I do also think there are performative allies on this campus and I would love to see people take their allyship seriously. Speaking out against these issues can be difficult but it's very necessary to establish a stance and have integrity to uphold your stance in all spaces," Grigsby said.

'Take Back the Night' functions as one of these spaces. As many students know, it is an event sponsored by SpeakUp—a group of peer educators dedicated to ending power-based interpersonal violence on the University's campus and beyond.

While most students are familiar with SpeakUp through the workshops attended by first years, which are also offered to returning students as well as on-campus organizations and teams, they also host various events and offer many resources and tools to students.

According to Wilson, their approach "prioritizes spreading awareness about the various forms of sexual violence, the resources available on campus for sur-

vivors, and the techniques and tools students can use to intervene before, during, or after an incident."

Additionally, SpeakUp peers conduct workshops that highlight sexual assault statistics that are nationally collected and are even specific to the University. "one out of three of female-identifying Bucknellians will be assaulted during their four years at Bucknell—this number is deplorable and unacceptable," Groves said.

"Despite only being a sophomore, it didn't take long for me to see the complete lack of accountability culture across campus socially and institutionally," Groves said.

Despite their inactive status during the pandemic, SpeakUp is "attempting to bring back all events in this rebuilding year and then some—like movie/documentary screenings and events geared toward sex positivity and healthy hook ups," Wilson said. "Their main focus has been increasing connection with the student body, and most importantly, finding ways we could become more actively involved in the community," Grigsby said.

All of the above members stated the importance of their involvement with SpeakUp and their passion for its causes:

"For me, being a SpeakUp peer means to be an advocate for all underrepresented communities and to help ensure that progress is being made culturally and institutionally around campus," Groves said.

"SpeakUp is so important to me because it is a place for like minded and passionate people to come together and advocate for a cause that is of the utmost importance on college campuses," Landon said.

"SpeakUp is important to me because it's legacy on campus has ebbed and flowed and I want to push it towards a more positive and welcoming space for all students, however, it does take lots of time and effort," Grigsby said.

"I became a peer because I am passionate about ensuring that victim-survivors are granted the autonomy that was once stripped from them—both by the university and by the culture we students operate within," Wilson said.

Students learn the craft of wine tasting at Union Cellars

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Students who attended the Bucknell Tastings event at Union Cellars this past Sunday had the opportunity to sample a variety of wines and paired food to learn about the 5 S's of wine tasting: see, swirl, smell, sip, and savor.

The event program is funded by University alumni, Norm Kiken, who has owned vineyards in California. The Kiken Family Wine Studies Endowment established in 2009 provides experiences for students to enjoy, understand, and use a wide variety of wines in hopes of preparing them for personal and professional settings.

Students were pro-

vided transportation and were not allowed to use their own.

This specific event and others this semester were set up in part by Sophie Downey, a Bucknell Tasting intern. Downey is responsible for planning the events from conception to completion, by interacting with external stakeholders, hosting the events, and assisting in set-up and clean up of the events.

Downey shared some of her enthusiasm for the Bucknell Tastings event.

"Events like these are an awesome way for students to learn new things while meeting new people," said Downey. "They are free to attend and are a fun few hours to escape the normally stressful academic week."

Attendees of the events gain knowledge in pairing different beverages with food. The experience also includes learning about the educational aspects and history, which can grow into a useful tool that can carry on to future experiences in life, said Downey.

Downey is responsible for creating the menu for each on-campus event.

"I work with dining to come up with foods by doing research into what types of food selections will pair well with the wines for the evening," she said.

However, this past Sunday's wine tasting included a menu curated by Union Cellars, which consisted of five different wines (white and red) and five food pairings,

each of which contributed to the taste of the chosen wine.

Attendee Hanna Davis remarked about her experience this past Sunday.

"The wine tasting at Union Cellars provided us with delicious wine and food pairings and was a great experience to relax and enjoy some time with friends at their charming winery," said Davis. "The owners were so kind and informative about their winery journey and I would highly recommend checking out Union Cellars for a cute excursion with friends."

Those of age and interested in learning more about history and developing your knowledge of the craft of wine, look out for the next wine tasting.

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SASA hosts 50th annual dinner celebration

Dora Kreitzer
Staff Writer

In an evening of laughter, singing, dancing and food, the University's South Asian Student Association (SASA) held its 50th SASA Dinner on Nov. 6.

Tickets sold out in the days leading up to the event and some were held for RAs using the event as hall programming; Larison Dining Hall was completely packed with students, staff, families and alumni.

While SASA Dinner is now largely student organized, it originated with Dr. Balwant Singh, the first South Asian professor to teach at the University. He and his family used to cook all of the food themselves, for about 200-250 people. Over time, SASA Dinner has become a way for students to not only share their food with other students but also a chance for the school's South Asian community to showcase their culture and talents.

"The fact that we were working together as a team, for this 50th SASA Dinner, that was crazy to me. It was amazing to work with everyone, because it really did feel like we were a community, like a little family," Sagota Purkaystha '24 said, a member and choreographer of SASA.

The SASA Executive Board began planning for this year's dinner at the very beginning of the school year. Not only did they call on members to help with performances and planning, but they also collaborated with numerous other organizations on campus such

as the Office of Residential Education, Multicultural Student Services, International Student Services and the CAP Center. In commemoration of the 50th anniversary and SASA dinner coinciding with Diwali, the theme of this year's dinner was "celebrations."

"Diwali is one of the largest festivals in the Indian subcontinent and is a source of wonderful memories for both the young and old, and it got us thinking: because it is the 50th anniversary of the SASA Dinner and it was happening at such an opportune time like Diwali, why not make the theme of this year's dinner about celebrations in South Asia while also giving it a little twist?" said Sherab Dorji '22, SASA Vice President.

As attendees entered, they were offered tika, a dot of red vermillion powder signifying purity of faith and devotion. Larison was decorated with the flags of various South Asian countries, a flower wall and lots of red and gold decorations. The opening and transitional skit, featuring Amisha Chhetri '22, Ansh Khurana '23, Jay KC '23, Shishir Katta '23 and Dorji, took place in the future, following their memories and recollections of the 50th SASA Dinner. Throughout the night, they highlighted numerous South Asian holidays, including Diwali, Eid al-Fitr, Losar, Shabe Yalda and Navaratri.

The evening opened with a song by Dorji and Nishant Shrestha '23, poetry performed by Amin Danesh '24, henna and

dances, not only by SASA members, but also a dance by the Bisonettes. After performing a dance they choreographed, Purkaystha and Puja Velani '24 taught eager volunteers, many more than anticipated, a few simple steps of their choreography.

"I really liked how engaged everyone one was. I had to stand on a chair so that people could see me while teaching the volunteers a dance. It was fun to see how happy everyone was. This was the first SASA dinner we've had since I've been here, so I was really excited to be involved," Velani said.

After the dance lesson, dinner was served. This year food was prepared by University Dining, and included mutter paneer,

chicken tikka masala and naan. Gulab jamun was served for dessert, and mango lassi to drink.

Following dinner, SASA members performed separate girls' and boys' dances, a couple dance, a song performed by Shrawak Lama '22 and Shrestha and concluded with a co-ed dance.

"It was stressful but fun, and so at the end, when everything went basically the way we wanted it to go for the most part, it was really rewarding because not only did people at the dinner have fun watching us perform, but also we had fun as members performing for everyone and with others," Purkaystha said.

"It was a lot of hard work. It was very cumulative- it did not just happen

overnight. The preparation that we had to go through in order to pull it off and the amount of effort that it took proved how important it was to the upperclassmen that had already done SASA Dinner in years past. It allowed me as an underclassman to recognize the value that it had for people in the club," Anisha Moran '25, a SASA member, said.

SASA Dinner is an important cultural event, not only for attendees who get to learn about and participate in South Asian culture, but also for the members who built close bonds in the process and are able to embrace their cultures on campus.

"While I acknowledge that Bucknell is making an effort to be more inclusive and diverse,

like every other PWI, it still lacks safe spaces for many of its minority groups to safely express themselves. This is where SASA and the other cultural affinity groups come in. We provide an enclave for many of our South Asian students where they can connect with people who share similar lived experiences and thus keep in touch with their South Asian heritage. Also, through the events that we host, we strive towards engaging our members and the campus at whole with South Asia's rich and vibrant cultures as well as the issues that affect South Asian communities, diasporas and the region as a whole so that the social dialogue of our school is diversified," Dorji said.



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University sophomore, Susan Dudt, to compete in U.S. Olympic Team Trials

Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

Mechanical Engineering student Susan Dudt '24 will be competing in the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for curling in Omaha, Nebraska this weekend.

Dudt, a Malvern, Pa. resident and graduate of Great Valley High School, began her curling career when she was only five years old. On Saturday, she and her team, Team Strouse, will begin a double round robin, best-of-three trials competition at 9 a.m.

"We're really excited. It's definitely going to be

more of a learning opportunity because there are some really established teams that will be there, but we're hopeful," Dudt said in a press release sent by Mike Ferlazzo, director of Media Relations for the University. "We've beaten a lot of these top teams before in practice because you get to play them over and over again — particularly this past year when there weren't other competitions," due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Team Strouse also won the Junior National Championship competition last year. This win secured them a spot on the USA Junior National Team, which will

compete at the World Junior-B Championships in Lohja, Finland, sometime between Jan. 3 and 12.

Considering the University does not have a curling team, Dudt must practice independently. She follows her coach's weekday schedule, but also travels to the Philadelphia Curling Club for practices on the weekend. She also trains at the USA Curling facilities in Eagan, Minnesota.

Primarily used as a sweeper, Dudt's responsibility is to rub the sheet of ice with a broom to melt the surface, lessening the friction, while her teammates throw a 38- to 44-pound

stone across the ice. Dudt is also responsible for throwing the stone, since each player on the team must throw two of them.

"We've gotten to play as a team for a few years in a row, which is kind of unique in curling. Usually, you're switching teams every year because people are aging out. But we've worked really hard and this was one of our goals in this upcoming season. We're excited to play our best when we get there," Dudt said.

Competing in curling runs in Dudt's family.

Not only did her grandfather help found the Philadelphia Curling club back

in 1957, but her brother, Daniel Dudt, also qualified for the men's U.S. Olympic Trials this year. Daniel is a Mechanical Engineering graduate of the University from the class of 2017 and is currently coached by University graduate Bruce Clouser '80, P'13.

If Team Strouse qualifies for the Team USA, Dudt will travel to Beijing for the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in February.

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OK, Boomer: University senior feeling really washed up

Liz Whitmer
Satire Co-Editor

LEWISBURG, PA—A staggering majority of University seniors have reported feeling “washed up” in their final months on campus. In order to raise awareness of this painful demise of youth, reporters allowed those impacted to share their stories. In an attempt to optimize comfort for the old souls, reporters met them in their natural habitats.

Like ships passing in the night, Grayson Hare '22 wistfully gazed at her favorite fraternity's house as her group of friends, accompanied by a staff writer, continued to reluctantly trudge to the bar. Hare said, “I know all mediocre things must come to an

end, but I feel like I didn't take enough time to really enjoy the little things in the last good days of my life. Soon I'll be 24 [years old], and then I'll have nothing left to hope for.”

Ira Levant '22 was found spending his last day on campus in his dilapidated downtown home, and reported feeling a peripheral pang upon realizing it will no longer be socially acceptable for him to pursue barely-legal adult women for the next 40 years of his life. “They're just really mature for their age,” Levant defensively explained. “I guess I'll just have to wait for my three-quarter life crisis to roll around.”

Similar to Levant, Dee

Clinging '22 said the moment really hit her when she became a grandmother—that is, her sorority little also took a little. Fortunately, she is nowhere near becoming a biological mother, let alone grandmother, as she has yet to develop the skills that allow her to be in a relationship exceeding three months or figure out how to boil water.

These testimonials are sparking vague fears in younger students as the clock is ticking towards the end of their youth, but their concerns quickly subside after realizing worrying is likely what led to the premature wrinkles seen on the faces of their 23-year-old elders.

Global warming isn't real: The awful truth about what you've been hearing

Maximus Bean
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I'm sure everyone has highs and lows. One low this week was the temperature on campus, where it swung anywhere from 50 degrees Fahrenheit to just above freezing. Now if you're a science man like I am, you'd ask yourself, “where did all the global warming go?”

The world seems to be on a global cooling spree right now, and that's not just because winter is approaching. Some cretins could argue that since it's winter up here, it's summer in the southern hemisphere, right? WRONG! If it's so warm down there, why has the Antarctic had its coldest season ever in the past few months? You can't explain it. That's a

fact! Even after so many people whine and whine about global warming, they're just pawns for a larger power. The truth is far more insidious than others would ever consider it to be.

Global warming doesn't exist. A bold claim to be sure, but I can safely tell you that global warming is a reverse-psychology marketing scheme enacted by big fossil fuel companies to sell more fracking and dinosaur air. Haven't you ever wondered why green energy is so expensive?

Those wind turbines last, what, a decade or two before you have to replace them? It's some of the least efficient stuff out there! It's supposed to depend on “naturally occurring”

wind to power stuff. How strong can wind really be? The birds may argue with me on that point, but as a human, it's not that much.

The point is green energy, and the push to annoy people about global warming sends people running back to the fossil fuel industry. Have you ever seen electric cars? There's a delicious irony in the awful truth: that electric cars lead to more gas-powered cars (because we all know dinosaurs are faster than what Nikola Tesla could ever come up with). After all, gasoline has been around for millions of years, while your phone dies in less than a day. This is why as an honest journalist, it's my job to expose these frauds for what they are: frauds.

Students turn “feral” for nearly 40 hours a week

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Senior Writer

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, the word “feral” is defined as “of, relating to, or resembling a wild beast.” It is often “-used to describe an animal (such as a cat or dog) that has escaped and become wild.” To be honest, I can't think of a better word to describe college students from 9 p.m. Friday evening to 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

For most students, this “feral” period actually starts Friday morning. Sure, you may “go to class,” but that doesn't mean that your brain is actually retaining any information taught that day. Chances are likely that you're half asleep, or putting all your attention into texting your friends trying to figure out what the pregame plan is for that evening. Don't ask anyone what they did in class on a Friday, because nine times out of ten, students are completely checked out—the lights are on but nobody's home.

By Friday night students have fully morphed into the weekend version of themselves. It's like living a double life: academic weapon on the weekdays, borderline alcoholic with four functional brain cells

on the weekend. All responsibilities, goals and considerations of consequences for any actions go out the window. There is typically little to no recollection of this time during the feral period.

Saturday morning hits and you start to feel the consequences of last night's actions. Waking up on a couch in a downtown house and not remembering how you got there is quite the way to start your day. The smart thing to do would be to shower, eat an actual meal and maybe catch up on sleep, but everyone knows that the out-of-control behavior that comes with every weekend in college must continue. Before you know it, you're back downtown standing on a riser that is holding way more weight than it should be, surrounded by people that reek of sweat and beer. “Super” is still going on as the sun starts to set, but the only people left are those that are too drunk to figure out how to get home. Everyone else is sound asleep taking their post-super nap before rallying for round three.

Crowds at the frats dwindle Saturday night as

most students find it difficult to continue to party, but this is a nonissue for the craziest of students. Making it through Friday night, super and Saturday night is a challenge only completed by the most aggressive, outgoing, borderline insane students. These are the type of people that should consider admitting themselves to a facility of some sort. While partying for such a period of time may be viewed as delinquency to some, it is an impressive feat to those that understand the art. It takes dedication, commitment and resilience to make this kind of accomplishment.

Contrary to popular belief, it is sometimes the most academically-driven students that reach this level of intensity while partying on the weekends. After grinding out school work all week, who can blame them? The more work completed during the week, the more partying that can be done on the weekend. You can expect to see these students up bright and early for their 8:30 class on Monday, and then the cycle repeats all over again. Just like they say: work hard, play harder.

Drunk students mistakenly wander into and eat entirety of University farm crops; ruin yield for the season

Bridgette Simpson
Satire Co-Editor

It is relatively common knowledge that the University has a small farm where students and faculty grow organic food for students and promote environmental awareness. Students can volunteer their time preparing the soil for crops and subsequently harvest them.

This weekend, a tragic event took place at the University farm. When one of the student leaders went out to check on the crops Sunday morning after a particularly cold night, she was shocked to find several students sleeping amongst the plants and all of the crops that were to be harvested later this week completely gone.

It took some prying, but it was eventually discovered that the students found at the farm that

morning had consumed, in their words, “a few too many brews,” and stopped at the farm on their way home for “some sustenance for the rest of the evenings' happenings.”

“You have no idea how confused I was when I woke up,” one of the culprits said. “I literally think I need to submit this to Barstool or something... none of my friends believed me when I told them I ate an entire CROP of raspberries by myself. They asked me why I would do that when I'm allergic to raspberries, but in my opinion, allergies are just a mindset. So I did it anyway.”

“Dude, no, my story is way cooler,” interrupted another. “Since I was lying in the field where there were potatoes and

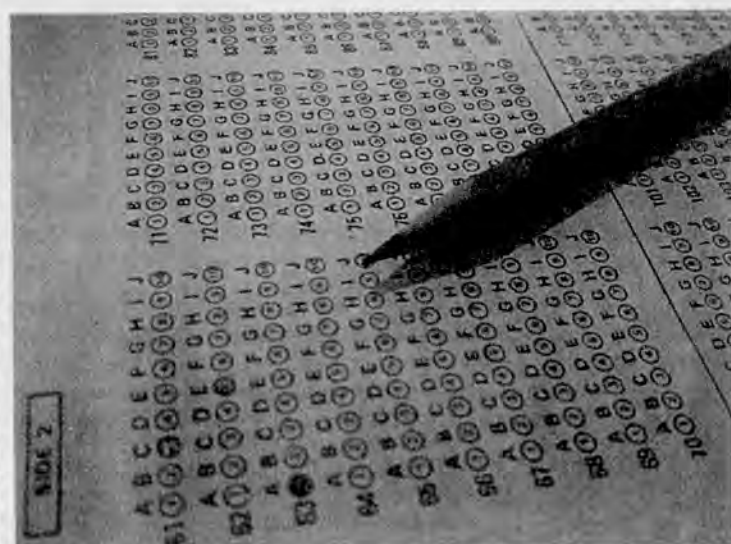
my stomach kind of hurts and I woke up face-down in the dirt with a potato in my hand, they said it's likely I ate ALL of the potatoes! I feel indestructible right now.”

Another one of the culprits was overheard being asked what he did this weekend, and his response was, completely nonchalantly, “I annihilated an entire field of asparagus by myself... what about you?”

Early Monday morning a large, barbed wire fence was constructed around the perimeter of the farm with posted signs detailing directions back to the bar and to campus, and the University sent an email to the student body warning of the dangers of consuming an entire crop of potatoes by yourself.

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Breaking: Chaos ensues as STEM and humanities majors are forced to swap classes for a day

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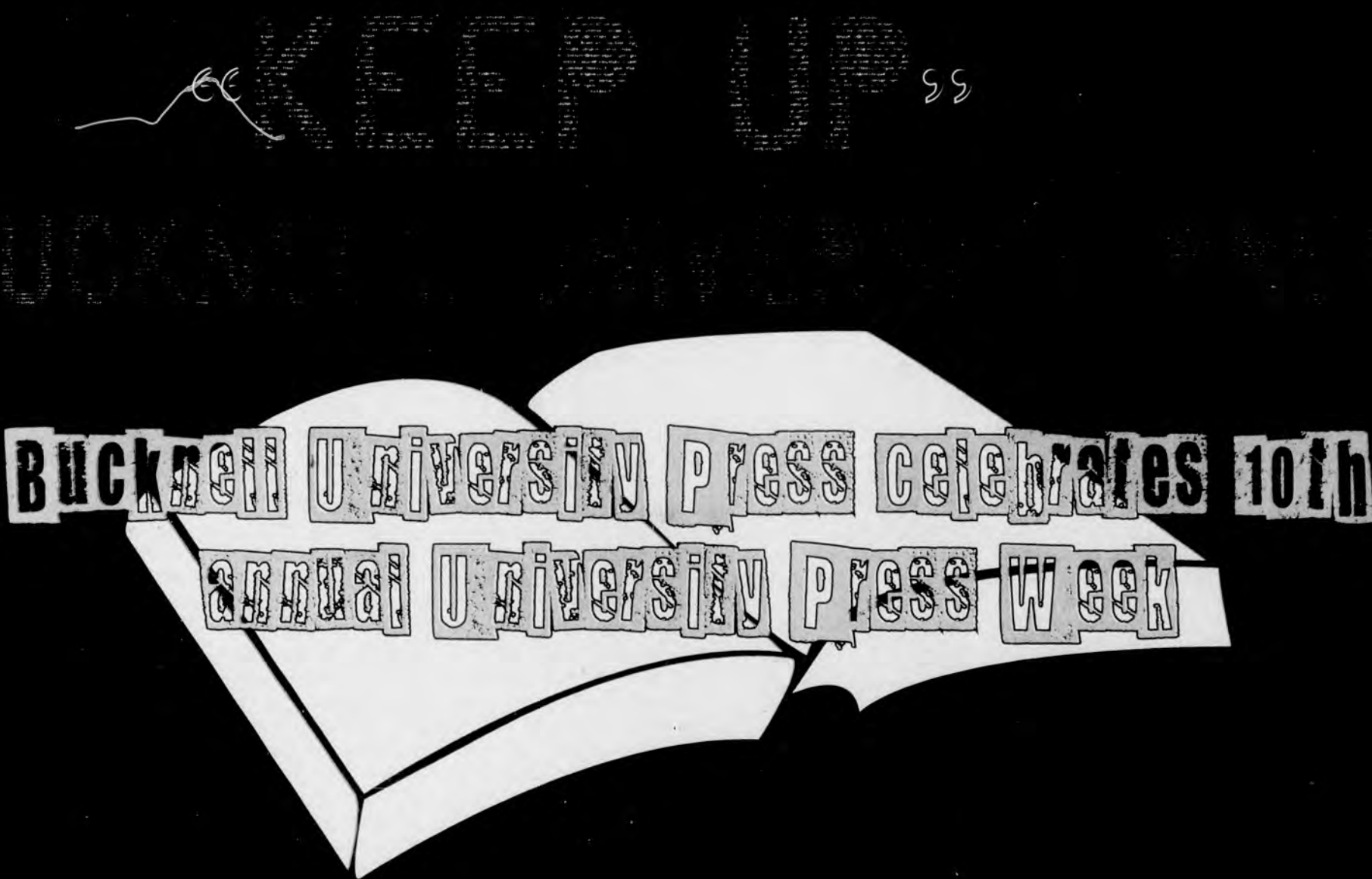
This event was part of a research project psychology majors Amanda Brain '22 and James Neutron '22 were conducting, in which they studied how different changes to college students' routines affected their mental health and academic performance. Other experiments included changing the subjects' sleep schedules, study methods and extracurricular activities. Subjects were told general details about finding their new schedules and assignments, and both pre-/post-experiment surveys needed for results about the day's events. The subjects had many concerns about the proceedings since they were unsure about what results Brain and Neutron wanted, but all worries were quelled with the promise of a free Dunkin' breakfast and a \$20 par-

ticipation payment. At the very least, the subjects knew more about the experiment than the faculty, since only Brain and Neutron's professors and the school board who authorized this experiment knew it was going to occur.

On the morning of the experiment, most subjects felt confident that the day wouldn't go horribly, and found the confused reactions of their new professors, who finally got emails with information, very funny. As the day continued though it all went downhill, just as expected. In the pre-experiment survey, every Humanities Major responded that they hadn't taken a science or math class since the fall semester of freshman year when they wanted to get it over with. Similarly, most STEM Majors stated that

every required writing or humanities course they had to take were done a while ago and were STEM-oriented. Subjects also reported increases in stress and the number of near-breakdowns that day in the post-experiment survey.

In the end, Brain and Neutron received solid data and definitively concluded that suddenly shoving students into different classes does not help with their mental health. The only group that seemed to do well were any computer science-adjacent majors who reported having to take a Human and Robot Ethics course the previous year. The School Board denied giving us a statement about the event, only giving a firm, “this won't be happening again,” as they shoved our journalists out of their office.



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This past week, the Bucknell University Press (BUP) celebrated its 10th university press week, also known as UP Week. The theme for this year's UP week is "Keep UP," highlighting how university presses have gone beyond simply "keeping up" with existing publishing conventions. Instead, university presses like BUP have managed to grow and evolve within the world of publishing, discovering new and exciting ways to produce scholarly content while extending their reader base. UP week is organized each year by the Association of University Presses (AUPresses) and acts to not only further promote the publishing work undertaken by university presses across the world, but also commemorate the community's collective devotion to scholarship.

BUP has been publishing for over a half century, during which they have produced more than 1,200 print titles. In 2020 BUP joined Amherst College and Wesleyan University as one of only three undergraduate liberal arts colleges in the United States to be members of the Association of University Presses. BUP also extended its partnership to Rutgers University in 2018; collectively, these alliances have helped it release books worldwide on a variety of platforms. Since the establishment of such partnerships, BUP has released all new publications in paperback, cloth and eBook formats, as well as publications from the past three years. On

campus, BUP has partnerships with both the Griot Institute and Samek Art Museum. Partnership with the Griot Institute has resulted in The Griot Project Book Series, a BUP-published project containing collections of essays, poetry, monographs and informative pieces on African American culture, art, history and African diaspora. Currently, the University Press is working with the Samek Art Museum in order to publish an exhibit catalog for the "Screen Time: Photography and Video Art in the Internet Age" exhibit, slated for showing in January 2022. BUP publishes around 25 new books per year, generally monographs exploring some relevant topic in the arts, humanities or social sciences. BUP is also internationally distinguished in Iberian, Latin American, Irish and 18th-century studies. The group is committed to its mission of publishing select subject areas of scholarly work; however, on occasion the Press does review and consider pieces beyond this scope, including literary nonfiction, poetry and translations.

In 2018, following the retirement of its 22-year longtime director, Greg Clingham, BUP welcomed its first full-time non-faculty director Suzanna Guidod. Guidod explained the importance of University Press Week to the University and higher education as an institution; "University Press Week, established by President Carter in 1978 and celebrated annually by the Association of University Presses, draws

attention to the work of university press publishers around the world and their impact on intellectual life and culture," she noted. "Now in its 53rd year, BUP publishes new scholarly books in the humanities, collaborates with campus partners such as the Griot Institute, offers internships to Bucknell students interested in exploring publishing, and carries the Bucknell name and its reputation for academic excellence globally."

Beyond Guidod, the BUP team depends on crucial staff like managing editor Pam Dailey, editorial assistant Molly Clay, along with an annually-rotating Cynthia Fell Intern – a position currently occupied by junior Riley DeBaecke '23. The Fell Internship offers the opportunity for current sophomores, juniors or seniors to become involved in the press and learn more about scholarly publishing. Upon completion, this yearlong internship offers one course credit to the intern. To apply, students must submit a letter of application along with a resume, two letters of recommendation, from either a professor and/or a previous employer and lastly an academic transcript.

DeBaecke described her desire to become involved in BUP. "I decided to get involved with the Press because I have a passion for and do research on 18th century literature, which is Bucknell University Press' primary focus," she explained. "I also love reading and editing, and this internship al-

lows me to do that on a daily basis! I am also interested in pursuing a career in scholarly publishing, and Pam Dailey (BUP's managing editor) and Suzanna Guidod (BUP's managing director) have given me a great introduction to the publishing industry." She continues with clear excitement, "I recently proofread a manuscript by Maximilian Novak, a prominent 18th century scholar, and I had read and cited a lot of his previous work for my research this summer."

"It was really cool to see my scholarship come full circle in that way," she concluded.

All books published from BUP since 2018 are freely available to students, faculty and staff via the Bucknell Digital Commons. Print editions of all BUP publications are also available at Bertrand Library, in addition to some select titles retrievable from the Humanities Center Library on the first floor of Hildreth-Mirza Hall. Finally, BUP publications can be ordered online from the University Press website at bucknelluniversitypress.org. Students, faculty and staff alike can receive a 40 percent discount on their order using the code BUCKNELL40. BUP's website also offers information about the press' book series, upcoming events, recent news and book reviews.

More information about BUP and how they plan to celebrate "Keep UP" for this year's UP week can be found on their blog – upressblogs.bucknell.edu/.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL
VS PENN ON 11/14 AT 2PM

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Sports Co-Editor

The Bison women's soccer team ended the Patriot League season on top as they knocked off top ranked Boston University by a score of 1-0 in the final on Nov. 7. The win was the Bison's fifth ever Patriot League title. Along with the title, the Bison clinched a spot in the NCAA tournament where they will play number one seed Rutgers in the first round on Nov. 13.

Despite starting the season projected to finish second

to last, the Bison were able to emerge as the best team in the Patriot league after their 1-0 victory in the tournament final. This game marked the fourth consecutive shutout by the Orange and Blue, including a shutout in each of their three Patriot League tournament matches. The game itself was a tight affair with neither team able to find a quality scoring chance until the Bison scored off a corner kick in the 75th minute. Teresa Deda '25, who was later named tournament

MVP, whipped in a corner kick from the right side into a dangerous area. After a goalmouth scramble the ball was turned in by a Boston defender to give the Bison the lead.

Boston pushed hard after that to attempt to find an equalizer, but the Bison defense held firm. Goalkeeper Jenna Hall '24 was able to gather two dangerous crosses to prevent good scoring chances. The defense for the Bison was exceptional and held Boston to very few opportunities towards the end

of the match. Defensive midfielder Petie Nassetta '23 managed to win the ball back several times to break up Terrier attacks. Meanwhile the back line of Alana Carlucci '22, Leanne Engemann '23, Brooke Tracey '24 and Claire Mensi '22 were terrific once again to preserve the shutout. Senior co-captain Holly Burns '22 was also crucial for the Bison playing 75 important minutes after returning from an injury.

"Winning a patriot league championship has been the

goal ever since I (and my class) got to campus August 2018. To finally get to achieve that with this team is still surreal. We've worked so hard the past few months - I'm so proud of everyone I couldn't imagine finishing off our last year here any other way" said captain Claire Mensi '22.

In order to make the final, the Bison had to overcome a tough match on the road at Navy. This was a matchup of the two highest scoring teams in the Patriot League during

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Lehigh dominates Bison football on home turf

Brooke Tracey
Contributing Writer

The Bison football team continued conference play on Saturday, Nov. 6 in a home match-up against the Lehigh Mountain Hawks. What was a scoreless game in the first quarter quickly went downhill for the Bison, as they were defeated 38-6. The Bison fell to 1-8 on the season and 0-5 in Patriot League play.

As aforementioned, the score remained 0-0 at the close of the first quarter, as neither team was able to capitalize on a combined five punts. The second quarter was much more action-filled. The Orange and Blue were first to get on the board, with a field goal by sophomore kicker Ryan Schatzel '24 at just under five minutes into the quarter. Lehigh responded in the final minute with a one-yard touchdown run into the end zone, edging out the Bison 7-3. The Moun-

tain Hawk offense continued to threaten the Bison defense, and scored two more touchdowns in a five-minute span. The Bison closed out the scoring in the first half with another field goal by Schatzel, leading the Orange and Blue into halftime trailing by a score of 21-6.

The Bison continued to fight into the second half of play, only allowing the Mountain Hawks to convert a field goal in the third quarter, which strengthened their lead to 24-6. It was in the fourth quarter that the Bison acknowledged defeat, as the Mountain Hawks went on to score an additional two touchdowns to close out the match. The game ended 38-6 in favor of Lehigh, who earned their first victory of the season.

While the Bison did not anticipate this result, there were still many key

performances, especially from Schatzel who became the first kicker since 2017 to kick a field goal of 45-yards. Nick Sempthelther '24 and Ethan Grady '25 also split time at quarterback. Brent Jackson '23 leading the Bison defense with nine tackles at safety.

"It was a tough game for the team against an opponent who was a lot better than their record showed, but [he] liked the energy and fight from the team," Schatzel said. He adds that there are "a lot of positives to reflect from this game, regardless of the outcome, and hope to build on those and finish the season strong."

The Bison's next match-up is set against Army at West Point on Saturday, Nov. 13. The game kicks off at 12 p.m. and will be streamed on CBS Sports Network.

Swimming and Diving have successful weekend at Navy's Quad Meet

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On Saturday Nov. 6 the Bison men and women's swimming and diving team traveled to Annapolis, Md. to compete in the Navy quad meet. The meet featured American University, Lafayette College and host Navy. Both the men and women beat Lafayette. (226.5-71.5 men, 235-64 women) and American (242-56 men, 229-68 women). However, both came up short to host the Navy (119-170 men, 134-157 women). The women's team has only met three losses since the 2019-2020 season, all to Navy.

The Bison women's team was led by Abby Doss '24, Naomi Douek '23, Maddie Hartigan '22, Skye Sunderhauf '25 and Sabrina Vumbacco '23, who all won an individual event. Doss had a time of 2:20.05 in her 200 breaststroke event, 10th in school history. In relays, Alexandra Ritorto '23, Kayla Lichtner '24, Sophia Donati '23 and Hartigan won the 200 freestyle relay.

The men's team's

great performance was a result of contributions from individual victories from Will Cadwalader '22, Chris Fabian '24, John Gehrig '24, Leo Kuyll '23, Liam Pitt '22 and Sam Sweeney '22. Gehrig and Chris Kopac '25 both made top 10 times in program history, Gehrig in the 200 butterfly (1:51.23) and Kopac in the 1,000 freestyle (9:33.96).

Despite the loss, the Bison had an impressive performance against Navy. For the women's side, Doss outshined three Navy swimmers in the 200 breaststroke and Sunderhauf managed to place first in the 200 IM, her first for her collegiate swim career. On the men's side, in Kuyll's victory in the 50 freestyle, he outperformed four Navy swimmers, coming in first by .15 of a second.

Both teams now hold onto a record of 5-1 and 4-1 in Patriot League play. The Orange and Blue look to keep improving their record as they host the Bucknell Invitation Friday Nov. 19 - Nov. 21. The prelims will begin at 10 a.m. and finals at 6 p.m.

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the regular season and yet the two teams entered overtime tied 0-0. The Bison were able to generate numerous chances in regulation as they hit the crossbar three separate times in the match. Meanwhile the defense for the Orange and Blue was equally impressive, limiting the Mids to nine shots and only one on target. This was the first time the Mids had been shutout this season by a Patriot League opponent and only the fourth time in their past 20 matches. The breakthrough in the match came

from a slightly unlikely source. Deda, who has 12 assists on the season ranking first in the Patriot League and eighth most in the nation, picked up the ball about 15 yards outside of the box in the 93rd minute. Deda beat two defenders and hit a left footed shot from outside of the 18 that rocked into the bottom corner. The golden goal gave the Bison a 1-0 victory and a spot in the Patriot League finals. With the Patriot League tournament victory, the Bison earned a bid to the NCAA Tour-

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nament where they will take on number one seed Rutgers. Rutgers is currently ranked fourth in the latest United Coaches Poll and were undefeated in Big Ten play this season. The Scarlet Knights only three losses on the season were back to back losses in early September to Princeton and Georgetown and a loss in the Big Ten Championship game against Michigan. The match is scheduled for Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. at Yurcak Field in Piscataway, NJ.

Basketball is Back! -
Bison open up against
NC State

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Sports Co-Editor

The Bison men's basketball team started off the 2021-22 season strong with their opening game against NC State. The Orange and Blue had an excellent performance in the first half holding the lead for all but 1 minute, but were unable to hold on for the remainder of the second half. The Orange and Blue were able to tie up the game 40-40 at the half with a layup from Alex Timmerman '23, but struggled as they headed deeper into the second half. NC State was able to score four times

in two minutes to start a breakout lead. With 14 points each, Xander Rice '23 and Andrew Funk '22 lead the Bison in scoring. Jake van der Heijden returned to his home state adding 11 points on the day. Youngsters Josh Adoh '24 and Andre Screen '24 each tallied 10 points and 8 rebounds. The Bison had a 46.0 shot percentage, however they struggled at the 3-point arc with a 9-for-31 shot percentage. NC State was able to outshoot the Orange and Blue, especially in the second half with a 52.9 shot percentage. NC State also outshot the Bison 15-3 from the

foul line. Coach Davis was very complimentary of the team's performance, explaining that they were able to generate a ton of offensive power against a quality opponent. NC State was a bit bigger and faster which got the best of the Bison in the second half, but their fundamental play was solid. Despite the loss to a tough ACC team, the Bison are optimistic that they will continue to improve as the season progresses. Catch the Orange and Blue in their first home game this coming Sunday against UPenn at 2 p.m.!

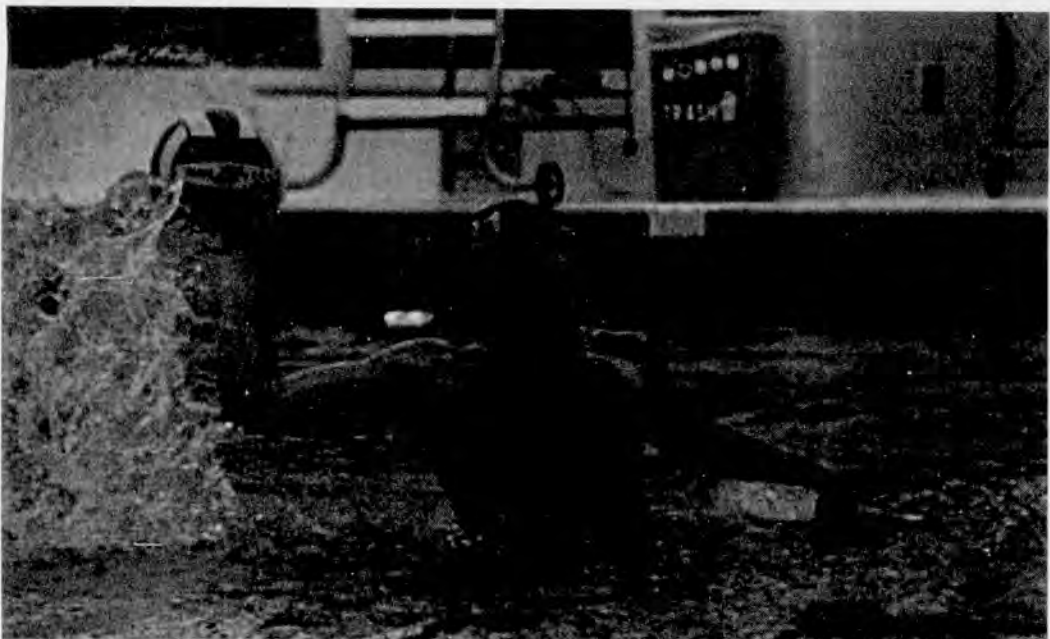


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Men's Water Polo Go 1-1
on the Weekend

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This Sunday Nov. 9, the men's water polo team played two games at Kinney Natatorium. The Bison fell to Navy 8-7 in the first match, before coming back and beating John Hopkins 16-8. The first match originally saw the Bison in the lead, with the men holding a score of 5-1 going into the second half. Navy persisted, scoring four goals within a two and a half minute span to tie the game at 6-6. The Bison managed one more goal, but Navy put in two more to win their second one goal difference game against the Orange and the Blue this season. Andu Vlasceanu '24 led the game with 3 goals, along with goals from Jack Lew-

is '23, Walker Butler '24, Doruk Ozar '24 and Josh Yardley '22. "We started the weekend string with a good half against navy but we underestimated our lead. We couldn't hang on to the win but we knew what we had to do for the next game," goalkeeper Adrien Touzot '23 said, who posted 10 saves in the match. The Bison definitely knew what they had to do for the next game. The second match against John Hopkins was a strong win for the Orange and Blue, earning an eight-goal victory over the Blue Jays. The team scored seven straight goals after Hopkins' game-opening goal in the first quarter, and ended the first half with a

lead of 12-1. Yardley led the match with four goals, while 10 other players on the team managed to score a point for the Bison. The games final score of 16-8 also secured the teams .500 or better record when playing at home, being their 20th season earning this success. Touzot put up four saves, splitting time in net with Jack Otto '22. "Our second game against Hopkins was a good example of what we can do in our league after losing a strong lead, and letting the younger guys get in to play," Touzot said. The men's water polo team will play again this Sunday, Nov. 14, on the road at Mount St. Mary's.

ATHLETE

OF THE WEEK

Teresa Deda '25



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SWIMMING
PROFILE

HOMETOWN: NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y.
HIGH SCHOOL: NEW ROCHELLE

The Bison women's soccer team is having an incredible season! Their preseason poll ranked them second to last in the league, but the team proved that wrong, coming up victorious as Patriot League champions. Midfielder Teresa Deda '25 is a major contributor to the team, specializing in corner kicks. Prior to the onset of Patriot League tournament play, Deda was selected for first team All-Patriot League. During the regular season alone, the freshman had 11 assists and a goal, which is an impressive accumulation of points, especially for someone who is not on the forward line. On the season, Deda ranks first in the Patriot League and eighth in the nation in assists. In addition to her assists, Deda has also scored two goals on the season. Despite the small tally, Deda's goals have always come in critical situations - she started all 21 games of the season. The team won 1-0 in both the semifinals

and the finals for the Patriot League tournament, and Deda is to thank for both goals. In the semifinals Deda secured an overtime victory for the Bison, racking up an impressive solo goal. In the finals, it was Deda's corner kick that forced a goalmouth scramble, leading to the Bison's lone goal. For her efforts throughout the tournament the first-year was granted All-Tournament Team honors and MVP of the entire tournament. Deda talks on the amazing Patriot League win, as well on how much her teammates mean to her. "It's so surreal to have won the Patriot League!" Deda exclaims. "We have all worked so hard since August to get to this point, and I couldn't be prouder of this team. I'm so lucky to be a part of such an inclusive, dedicated team that has pushed me to better myself throughout the season. Winning MVP was super exciting, but I was just so happy I could help my team hoist the Patriot

League trophy." Deda and the team will take on number one seed Rutgers in the NCAA tournament on Saturday, Nov. 13, where they will have a shot to advance to the NCAA championship game.

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Has Soccer’s Biggest Ever Transfer Summer Been a Disappointment?

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With European soccer well and underway, it's useful to look back on what truly was one of the most exciting transfer windows in recent history, if not ever. Two of arguably the best soccer players of all time, Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo, transferred clubs, and more of the world's best players moved for eye-watering sums in highly anticipated transfers.

However, it seems as though the transfers have been relatively hit-or-miss, with some of the most exciting players in the world looking a shell of their former selves at their new clubs. This article will take a look at some of the most significant moves from the summer transfer window and how they performed.

Lionel Messi to PSG from FC Barcelona:

Free Transfer

In perhaps the most shocking transfer of the summer, Lionel Messi, arguably the best soccer player in the world, if not of all time, was forced to leave FC Barcelona after 21 years at the club since the Catalanian club couldn't fit his wage bill into the Spanish La Liga's strict wage limits. French club Paris Saint-Germain was the first to sign him on a free transfer, reuniting him with old teammate Neymar. PSG sold over 832,000 shirts with Messi's name in just 24 hours according to some sources, reported to have been an all-time record. However, not all has gone as expected. In Ligue 1, arguably an easier league than the Spanish league, he is yet to score in five appearances and refused to shake his

manager's hand when substituted in one such game. We have seen glimpses of the old Messi in the Champions League, with three goals in three appearances in the tournament. Time will tell if 34-year-old Messi will reach his world-beating form and add to his six Ballon d'Or awards.

Cristiano Ronaldo to Manchester United from Juventus: \$17m

Cristiano Ronaldo made worldwide headlines when he returned to his former club Manchester United after making himself a household name in his first spell from 2003 to 2009. Ronaldo's shirt sales were reported to have been purchased twice as much as Messi's PSG shirts, making \$45 million in just 12 hours. One of the best players in the world

and one of the best of all time has shown his quality that won him five Ballon d'Or awards, with nine goals in just 12 games. With crucial goals to secure results for United, including two goals in his second debut and a last-minute winner in the Champions League, the 36-year-old has been a spark in an otherwise struggling United team. His injection of quality and leadership has reignited the debate between him and Messi for the best player in the world, especially with Messi's struggles.

Jack Grealish to Manchester City from Aston Villa: \$135m

Jack Grealish, one of England's most exciting young players, made headlines with his £100m (US \$135m) transfer to Manchester City after his strong

performances for England in the European Championships. While he hasn't been especially poor, he is yet to light up the Premier League and has just two goals and two assists in 15 appearances for the reigning English champions. It seems as though Man City's most expensive signing ever will need more time to show his quality.

Jadon Sancho to Manchester United from Borussia Dortmund: \$100m

Jadon Sancho was also another hugely anticipated young signing, coming back to England after lighting up the German Bundesliga with Borussia Dortmund for a considerable sum of money. However, he has struggled to find his form, as he is yet to score or assist in 13 appear-

ances. His form has not been worthy of being called up to the England squad by England manager Gareth Southgate. Questions have been raised over the 21-year-old's head, and his manager, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, has been criticized for not getting the best out of him.

It seems that some of the most anticipated signings this year have not lived up to their initial expectations, with some exceptions. Hopefully, with more time, the players who have struggled will show the form that made their transfers so anticipated and live up to their exciting expectations. The European soccer season still has a long way to go, and with its inevitable twists and turns, there is no way of knowing how players will perform in the future.

Bison Volleyball splits weekend matches

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Sports Co-Editor

The Bison women's volleyball team had a mixed bag of results this past weekend, winning one and losing one. The Bison battled hard for a 3-2 win against Lehigh on Nov. 5 but lost 3-0 to Lafayette on Nov. 7. They now stand at 7-17 overall and 3-12 in Patriot League play so far this season.

On Friday, the Bison battled hard against Lehigh and managed to emerge with a 3-2 victory in their final home match of the season. This win snapped a seven-match losing streak against the Mountain Hawks. The Bison were able to rally after losing by double digits 15-25 to win the next set 25-22. Sets two through four were all decided by three points or less and were clear indicators of how evenly matched the two sides were. In the

fifth and final set, the Bison went on a 4-0 run to win the set 15-10 and win the match 3-2.

Three players for the Bison posted double-digit kills including Jennie Burke '22 who had 15 kills, eight digs and three block assists, Lisa Zoch '23 who had 15 kills and Libby Nieporte '24 who had 13 kills. Libero Jordan Hardy '25 had a career-high 38 digs and finished six shy of the Bison single game record. Sandra Korusiewicz '23 and Amanda Tesserot '25 were the other Bison players in double-digit figures for digs.

In their second match of the weekend, the Bison fell to third-place Lafayette by a score of 3-0. The Bison were unable to overcome the Leopards' .296 hitting percentage. The Bison came back from an early 9-5 deficit in

the first set to take a 15-13 lead. The Orange and Blue had set point at 24-23 but were unable to capitalize and ultimately lost 26-24. In the ensuing two sets, the Bison were unable to overcome some large runs from the Leopards in each set and lost 18-25 and 11-25. The Bison were led in kills by Nieporte (11) and Burke (6). Burke also had four block assists. The Orange and Blue were ultimately held back by 19 attack errors and a .126 hitting percentage in the match. Other key performers for the Bison were Sarah Ramirez '24 who had 20 assists and Hardy who had 12 digs.

The Bison will conclude its season on Friday Nov. 12 on the road against Loyola. The match is set to start at 7 p.m. and will be broadcast on ESPN+.

Bison Field Hockey drops to Lafayette in season finale

Holly Burns
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The Orange and Blue fought hard in their semifinal game this past Thursday Nov. 4 in hopeful pursuit of their second consecutive Patriot League title. Unfortunately, the Leopards won in overtime and advanced to the championship game.

The Bison held the lead until there was 19 seconds left in regulation, when the Leopards were able to sneak in a last minute goal and send the game to overtime. A little over two minutes into the first overtime, Rachel Apa '24 was given a green card and Lafayette converted off the penalty corner.

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honorees Lily Neilson '25 and MK Stefanowicz '22 each tallied goals for the Bison to give them the lead in regulation. Mackenzie Kile '23, Noor Kaur '23 and Kayla Kisthardt '23 all added assists on the day.

The match was back-and-forth, with each team earning multiple shots and penalty corners to put them ahead. The game against Lafayette marks the Orange and Blue's third straight Patriot League tournament overtime game.

"Obviously we were really disappointed with the loss to Lafayette on Thursday night, but I know the rest of the seniors and I are re-

ally proud of how the team fought until the last minute to try and get the time. After winning the Patriot League tournament last year, we knew every single team that we played was going to play their hardest to beat us," captain Erin Zielinski '22 said. "I want to say a big thank you to all my teammates and coaches over the past four years, as they have made my time as a member of the Bucknell field hockey team extremely memorable and enjoyable. Go Bison!"

Despite the tough loss, the Bison are looking forward to preparing for another strong season next fall!

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It's finally "Infrastructure Week" in Washington

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This Thursday, Nov. 5, marked a milestone in the Biden Presidency. Just days after the Tuesday general election where Democrats lost a vital seat in Virginia's Governor's Mansion and found themselves in closer races than they had expected in New Jersey, the House of Representatives passed one of Biden's landmark legislative goals – the bipartisan infrastructure bill. While Democrats initially intended to package the infrastructure commitments with a much larger social spending bill, negotiations between moderates and progressives fractured their fragile coalition. A proposed vote on the bill was delayed as it awaited a Congressional Budget Office score, at the behest of House moderates.

The final version of the infrastructure bill – which passed with a price tag of over 1.2 trillion dollars and at a little over 2,700 pages – includes so many provisions that summarizing them in a single article is nearly impossible. In brief, the bill invests \$500 billion over 10 years in our nation's most distressed infrastructure, and lays out plans for more than \$600 billion in road and bridge improvements appropriated from prior budgets. An additional \$100 billion

supports new investment in roads and bridges, prioritizing public transportation through historic aid to passenger and freight rail systems. Furthermore, the bill supports expanding access to broadband internet in rural areas, updating the electric grid to improve resiliency and reducing reliance on non-renewable energy.

These provisions are critical steps that critical to remedying our aging and historically underfunded infrastructure. For decades, American roads and bridges have deteriorated under funding schedules insufficient to complete much-needed repairs. Earlier this year, the report card for America's Infrastructure, an organization funded by transportation companies across the country, gave the United States a C- in large part because of the poor conditions of public roadways. As former president Donald Trump famously said, "We used to have the greatest infrastructure anywhere in the world, and today we're like a third-world country [...] literally like a third-world country."

Of course, though, Trump ultimately failed to improve the condition of American infrastructure during his time in office. In fact, "infrastructure week" (the Administration's clever

title to sell a potential bill to members of Congress) became a running gag during the Administration as members of the White House negotiation team were repeatedly frustrated by disagreements over nearly every aspect of the bill including its size, priorities and funding.

However, despite all the crucial measures included in the bill, set to be signed into law during a ceremony on Monday, most Americans know very little about what the bill will actually do. According to an ABC News/Ipsos poll issued in late October, "although a majority (55 percent) of the public is following news about the negotiations at least somewhat closely, about seven in 10 (69 percent) Americans said they know just some or little to nothing about what's in both bills." Unfortunately for our democracy, media outlets have done little to change this reality. While news coverage about the bills has been at a near-constant hum throughout the summer and fall, very few people know what's in the bills, indicating that the horse race of negotiations has quite literally overtaken their substance.

While media coverage has focused on the opinions of moderate Democrats like Joe Manchin of West

Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, as well as progressives like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York and Pramila Jayapal of Washington, very little attention has been paid to the actual components of the bills that will impact people's lives. CNN's "horse-race" framing made

back seat to the sports-like coverage seen throughout our media. This characterization is no hyperbole. In fact, CNN president Jeff Zucker himself said in a 2017 interview, "The idea that politics is sport is undeniable, and we understood that and approached it that way."

While some blame the communications arm of the Democratic Party for failing to relay the most important aspects of the bills, the news media also failed to live up to their responsibilities in educating and informing the public. In a press release from Oct. 15, Senator Bernie Sanders aptly noted that "the mainstream media has done an exceptionally poor job in covering what actually is in the legislation." Explaining that "there have been endless stories about the politics of passing Build Back Better, the role of the president, the conflicts in the House and the Senate, the opposition of two senators, the size of the bill, etc." the senator denounced the "limited coverage as to what the provisions of the bill are and the crises for working people that they address."

Fortunately for the infrastructure bill that passed earlier this week, coverage has begun to change – far too late, however, to change the

minds of those that voted against it. In the days following the 228-206 vote, many articles and news segments have been dedicated to revealing the contents of the bill in clear, understandable terms. This method might work for the infrastructure bill – which received support on both sides of the aisle – but for the rest of Biden's Build Back Better Plan (including the social spending bill), such treatment in the media might make it dead on arrival in a Senate where it will already be fighting an uphill battle.

This is an abject failure of our media, but not one utterly beyond correcting. We must demand that our media outlets review the contents of the social package immediately and inform the public of its priorities, funding and real-life stakes, not just its top-line price or how Senators Manchin and Sinema are feeling about the bill that day. We must support media companies that are truly dedicated to defending and circulating the truth. Crucially, while we wait for coverage to become informative, we must encourage one another to learn about the contents of these bills and pull ourselves away from the incessant scoreboard that has captured our politics.

“...DESPITE ALL THE CRUCIAL MEASURES INCLUDED IN THE [BUILD BACK BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN] [...] MOST AMERICANS KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT WHAT THE BILL WILL ACTUALLY DO.”

up 91 percent of coverage of the social spending package currently under negotiation, according to a survey of news segments (Levine-Drizin and Johnson, 2021) for Substack blog The Column. This data reveals a frightening yet unsurprising fact of our media landscape: detail-oriented analysis of the potential real-life impacts of a proposed bill has taken a

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Is there any good to TikTok?

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Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, TikTok has consumed adolescent and adult lives across the globe. The free app contains short videos of just about anything you'd want: people sharing advice and life stories, funny moments, tutorials on anything from fixing cars to making a five-star meal and much more. Although this app has benefitted many people and generated awareness towards national issues such as BLM and violence against Asian communities, it appears it has also contributed to a great decline in mental health and heightened the eating disorder rate, specifically amongst young people. Many young adults and even children have become addicted to TikTok, spending hours each day scrolling through the app. While addiction in any form is harmful, specifically to young minds, I believe the negatives of TikTok are heavily countered by the positives. For each of those young people that happen to succumb to the "perfect" image that social media presents, many more are exposed to mental health resources for the first time, a content creator who has lived and shared a similar experience or someone who can be a role model to help them with existing conflicts in their lives.

In an amazing example, earlier this month, a young girl in Kentucky was rescued when a man on a motorcycle saw the girl perform a hand signal that he had learned on TikTok. The hand signal, being a non-verbal cue to domestic abuse, was performed by the young woman which ultimately saved her life. The signal, consisting of tucking the thumb into the open palm, and then folding the hand over the thumb, circulated on TikTok last year. Creators with many followers

on the app used their platform to teach their fans this signal if they were ever in need of help. The Canadian Women's Foundation first shared this non-verbal signal in April 2020 and according to NPR.org, "created it as a way for victims of abuse to discreetly ask for help on a video call, as COVID-19 lockdowns forced many people to stay indoors and led to a surge in domestic violence." Last week authorities in Kentucky received a call from the motorist that he had witnessed a young female use this non-verbal signal from the car window. The motorist followed the vehicle after he recognized the symbol and alerted authorities of his location.

When the police pulled over the driver, it was discovered that the young woman had been reported missing two days prior. NPR.org concluded that, "According to investigators, the passenger said she and the driver had traveled through North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio, where the man had relatives. When the man's family realized his female passenger was underage, the pair left Ohio, and the female passenger began trying to get the attention of other drivers." With the growth of TikTok, people across the country and the globe have become aware of societal and ongoing issues that we face each day. The teaching of the domestic abuse hand-signal on TikTok is just one of many. TikTok has also brought missing persons cases to light, such as the Gabby Petito case, and has brought communities together to fight for change and find these missing people. Although TikTok has some negative impacts, it has opened doors for new conversations and discussion of controversial and typically avoided topics on social media.

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Words hold little weight unless they are reflected in actions, and in the wake of the second and final week of the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, I am hoping that the conversations held there can go beyond words to create lasting positive change on our environment. Greta Thunberg's famous three-word phrase, "blah, blah, blah", is essentially what these conversations amount to — until, that is, they turn into actions to create a new path for our planet. This article will focus on who needs to be at the forefront of these conversations and what some of these conversations should entail to ensure that future policies and actions are effective.

The discussions at the climate summit will, hopefully, lead to visible change decades from now. Federal minister Malik Amin Aslam, who also acts as special assistance on climate in Pakistan, raised a significant point that the summit is "talking about 2060, 2070 and none of these [decision-makers] [are] going to be around." This is an important obser-

vation, illuminating the lack of young voices at the table during these conversations that will affect not the older generations but youth who will see the actions played out for better or for worse.

The underreporting of emissions is a major problem I hope will be discussed at COP26. The Washington Post claims that nations are neglecting to accurately report the amount of greenhouse gases they emit, with gaps ranging from 8.5 to 13.3 billion tons annually. The Washington Post also reports that some nations are subtracting from their annual emissions the carbon that is absorbed by land which can make it appear as though they have reached net-zero emissions when they are not. An underreporting of emissions is extremely concerning, implying environmental degradation at rates higher than we originally estimated. Additionally, if these measurements are incorrect, the conversations at Glasgow surrounding how much nations need to cut their emissions — and how long we have before the global temperature rises to dangerous

levels — are then invalid and unhelpful. Nations may be able to cheat the conference by misrepresenting their data, but they cannot cheat the planet. Not only should the summit address how to standardize data so that all nations measure their emissions in the same way, but conversation should also be used to outline real consequences for nations who knowingly underreport their emissions.

Another important conversation should be held surrounding the future of cars, specifically those with combustion engines. The Wall Street Journal said that "the world's top car-making nations, such as China, Japan, the U.S., Germany, France and South Korea, all declined to sign" on to phase out combustion engines by 2040 in order to reduce carbon emissions. There should be more discussion on how to get these industry-leading nations on board with a shift to EVs that aid in reducing carbon emissions.

Additionally, financial support to developing nations should be a central concern of the summit. The Washington Post found this

topic to be entirely missing from the "priority list" sent to negotiators. The Post highlights the part of the Paris Agreement that has rich nations giving over \$100 billion per year to poorer nations, noting that this segment has been neglected in the past. It is imminently important for developing nations to receive funds dedicated to repairing communities that have been particularly affected by the climate crisis, especially when the effects are a result of actions from richer nations.

As of right now, Earth is the only planet we have. A planet that has given us so much only to endure irreversible destruction at the hands of greed and existential power struggles. This narrative has been propelled for many years now, but again, this is only a narrative. It is the responsibility of us as individuals and the major leaders at the climate summit to redirect the narrative and back it up with effective policies and regulations, with tangible actions and real consequences for those who opt out or renege on their promises.

Why are we talking about Big Bird?



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After more than 5 decades on television, Big Bird has become a TV icon, namely for his time on Sesame Street. However, a life in the spotlight can only go unblemished for so long, and recently our large, feathered friend is finally having his reckoning. On November 6th, Big Bird took to Twitter to announce that he received the COVID-19 vaccine, and was currently experiencing a slightly sore wing. Big Bird followed up his controversial take by encouraging others to get the vaccine, which was met with a series of mixed reactions. Some were glad to hear from the Sesame Street favorite, retweeting with positive messages and fun quotes from their children. Conservative Twitter, however, immediately took to criticizing Big Bird's leftist rhetoric, claiming that the support for the vaccine was an attempt to indoctrinate young people through the Sesame Street character. Sen. Ted Cruz of

Texas was particularly outspoken about Big Bird's support for the vaccine, tweeting "Government propaganda... for your 5 year old!"

This seems to be a new level of nonsensical for the far-right: their somewhat valid frustrations about politics and Democrats have now shifted from actual people to a fictional bird. Ted Cruz surely has far more important things to address than Big Bird's opinions about the vaccine, yet for some reason, it is colonizing his time, as well as the time of major media outlets. This is avoidance at its finest hour; people distracting themselves from actual current events with what was meant to be a fun and informative tweet by a fictional TV character. Conservative outlets and activists try to do nothing but incite conflict and dissent amongst people by framing a childhood character as a source of propaganda and negative influence on America's children.

But why take this stance?

Why avoid the actual problems of the world and the conflicts that are actively diminishing people's livelihoods? To put it simply, life is easier that way. As a result of Biden's presidency, far-right conspiracists have no true leader, leading to erratic and fragmented claims about a variety of popular culture influences. Whether it's TV shows becoming "too progressive" with things like the introduction of gay characters, or children's literature "forcing" progressive values onto young people, these great extrapolations of the truth are just another attempt to keep things the way they once were. Beginning with the Trump administration's hyperfixation on not letting society become too "leftist," now appears to give the far-right a license to maintain both "American values" and "tradition", two things the Democrats have been labeled as wanting to destroy through progressivism.

In reality, no one cares that Big Bird is vaccinated. Why? Because he is a fictional television show character.

Big Bird is not a real person, and Big Bird has no political agenda. Just like the plot to destroy "American values", Big Bird's plan to indoctrinate America's youth down a leftist pipeline is an exaggeration by conservatives in an attempt to claim America's middle-ground voters. After losing the moderate vote in the 2020 presidential election, conservatives have been hell-bent on portraying themselves as the "voice of reason" for the American people, and chalking up all progressive rhetoric

to leftist extremism. Progressive views aren't extreme, they're progressive, and realistically, they often can contain the nuance of a well-researched opinion. Education and academics are built entirely around progress and gaining new understandings of the world. A decade ago, a vaccine produced as quickly as the COVID-19 vaccines would have been applauded by all, and seen as a miracle of scientific progress that showed what collaboration in the medical community could produce. Today, that same scientific miracle is seen as a political tool, and its diviseness is risking peoples' health and lives.

To put it simply, Big Bird's Twitter backlash is an obvious sign that people just have far too much time on their hands. There is no reason why major media outlets, senators, and thousands of other people should be spending hours going back and forth about the social implications of a tweet from a fictional bird. There are very real problems to address in the US today, food insecurity, homelessness, worker's rights and equality, yet we've developed a taste for the dramatic, and we now opt to create problems that are entirely in our heads. This was a waste of time, sure, but also representative of a larger trend in politics as of late. Turning to conspiracy in the wake of actual problems — like getting everyone vaccinated — is just going to continue to further widen the current political divide, and eventually our real problems will grow too large to actually resolve.



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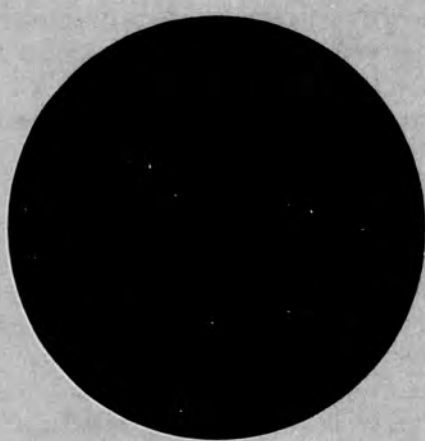
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Highlighting Exceptional Local Eateries

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Lewisburg offers mountain scenery, a quaint town, a view of the Susquehanna, cute shops and a wide variety of restaurant options. Just off campus, there are endless dining choices to fulfill your latest craving whether that be comfort food, sushi, Chinese food, Italian or much more! Peking Garden, which is located near Giant, has a vast menu with a variety of different appetizers, entrees, and sides including noodle based dishes, vegetarian options and more. Although they mainly serve food with a Chinese background, there are also menu items that are Japanese. Entrees from Peking Garden range in price from \$10-\$15. The restaurant also offers take-out and delivery options. "They have a really good assortment, so I can always find something new to try. The cheese wontons are a personal favorite," April Hurlock '23 said.

But Peking Garden isn't the only restaurant offering unique Asian cuisine in Lewisburg. Located on Market Street, Siam Restaurant & Bar is known for its authentic Thai dishes. Open for both lunch and dinner, Siam has a range of stir fries and curries, as well as some unique salads and desserts. Siam is slightly more expensive than Peking Garden with entrees tending to be closer to \$15. Siam does both take out and de-

livery, as well as sit down dining. Angela Lai '22 explains why she personally loves eating at Siam; "My favorite aspect of Siam is their healthy, clean and versatile variety of ingredients that fit all sorts of diets that they kindly and thoughtfully offer at their restaurant. Their food is never short of being unbelievably flavorful and tasty; personally, when I get food from their restaurant, I'm comforted deeply by the immediate sense of familiarity for my own home-cooked meals and the love I have for my own culture."

Continuing down Market Street, observers will meet with the Lebanese cuisine establishment Alee's Café. Alee serves Mediterranean food with a unique Lebanese twist. Their menu includes authentic Middle Eastern foods like hummus, falafel and shawarma. Unlike the other restaurants, Alee's Café does not simply serve finished food; alongside the restaurant is a grocery store filled with Mediterranean goods. Alee's Café provides both take-out and sit-down dining, with entrees ranging in price from \$15 - \$20.

Grams Eatery is a staple "brunch" location for the Lewisburg community. Grams, which is located off Market Street, has a large menu of American breakfast and lunch dishes. Along with their standard

menu, they offer different specials each week so customers always have something new and exciting to try. Grams also does a Taco Tuesday deal for \$3 tacos. "I love Grams's Taco Tuesdays! My friends and I just made it a new tradition this semester," Haley Scopelliti '23 said. Their entrees range from \$10-15 and they offer the option to do take out or dine in.

Grams also recently opened "Grams Express," a spinoff of their original storefront serving made to order burritos, bowls, salads, quesadillas and tacos. However, they offer more than just the traditional Mexican style versions of these foods. Grams Express also offers sushi burritos, sushi bowls and a variety of bowls and tacos with unique flavor combinations such as a falafel bowl and a curry bowl. Grams Express is open Wednesday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. They offer the same Taco Tuesday deal as Gram's Eatery of \$3 tacos and their bowls and burritos range in price from \$12 to \$14. Madison Lance '22 explains her love of Grams Express. "It's a great option for when you're really hungry because the portions are huge and you really get a bang for your buck."

For a more fine dining experience, Elizabeth's American Bistro offers fresh and locally sourced meals. Their menu is

constantly changing as they focus on creating meals centered around local in season products. Elizabeth's focuses on providing a "farm-to-table" dining experience. Senior Mikayla Diederich explains that she enjoys Elizabeth's "because it's prepared well and there are a variety of unique options to choose from." "It's an added bonus that the ingredients are fresh and change season by season," she adds. The restaurant is open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for lunch and reopens for dinner at 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Elizabeth's also has an online option for takeout orders as well as boxed family dinners, kits and bistro boxes all to go.

Similarly to Elizabeth's, Brasserie Louis focuses on offering fresh, locally-sourced food as well as a wide variety of vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options. Their menu is organized by appetizers, small plates, entrees, sandwiches as well as an array of cocktails and desserts. Louis has both indoor and outdoor dining options. It is open 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

These are just a few of the many options offered throughout Lewisburg. Make sure to support one of these local businesses next time you're looking to try and get off campus for a meal!

University Fall Dance Showcase returns after two years



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UNIVERSITY'S ACADEMIC SUPPORT RESOURCES

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News Co-Editor

After two years of delay owing to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the University Theatre & Dance Department held their first Fall Dance Showcase since 2019 in the Harvey M. Powers Theatre in Coleman Hall. The showcase was put on for two days, namely last Friday and Saturday.

Guest artists, current students, student groups, alumni and faculty all

performed on stage for the concert.

According to the Department's website, "the Fall Dance Showcase and the spring Choreographer's Showcase, under faculty and student direction, feature an array of new works by students who have taken Dance Composition, as well as faculty and guest artist pieces. They perform to sold-out audiences from the campus and surrounding community."

"The Fall Dance Showcase is just that, a SHOW-

CASE for many of the different forms of dance on campus," explained Professor Kelly Knox, associate professor and Director of Dance at the University. "Six selected student choreographers created new works on their peers in addition to pieces choreographed by two alumni, our adjunct professor, a dance faculty along with the Ballet I, Modern I and Chinese Watersleeves classes with invited students groups: the Bisonettes, the Bison Girls and the Irish

Step Dance Team."

According to Knox, over 100 students were involved in the event. "It was fantastic!" she offered. "We were so happy to be back live on dance serving up an eclectic mix of dance, performed with joy, fierceness and passion."

Participants and audience members alike thought that the event was a success.

"I think it went very well. [There were] different forms of dancing [that] had a lot of talent," Tuesday Rob-

inson '24, a member of The Bisonettes, explained.

Robinson noted that The Bisonettes practiced both Wednesday and Friday, along with a dress rehearsal on Thursday, to prepare for the showcase.

"We spent about an hour doing lights and cleaning up the dance on stage," she added. "Every performer got about an hour or so that day to go over what they wanted to on the stage."

University to host traditional commencement ceremony for class of 2020 and class of 2022 graduates

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A traditional graduation ceremony will be held for graduates of the Class of 2020 on May 21, 2022, one day prior to the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2022 on May 22, per an announcement from President John Bravman. Both ceremonies will be held on Malesardi Quadrangle at 10 a.m.

The class of 2020 had their initial commencement ceremony moved to an online version on July 19, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These students already had their final semester cut short in March 2020 as the University moved to remote coursework.

"Since your virtual Commencement ceremony in July 2020, we have remained committed to celebrating your success together on campus when pandemic conditions allow us to gather safely," Bravman said to the graduates of 2020 through email. "Responses to the class survey indicated your preference for

an in-person event that would honor your entire class as one group."

The press release, sent by director of Media Relations and Communications Mike Ferlazzo, said that members of the Class of 2020 had a survey sent to them earlier this year where the majority of alumni decided that they would prefer a traditional commencement ceremony.

Members of the Class of 2020 will also be able to attend special events on May 20 before their ceremony, including a reception, a champagne toast, and the candle lighting ceremony. The University's three colleges will each hold a reception for members of the Class of 2020 and 2022, following the May 21 commencement.

"I think that it's great that we are going to have a ceremony," Mathematical Economics graduate Ninh Lam '20 said. "I am definitely going to come back and celebrate it with my friends and family and the whole class of 2020!"

"I think that the Class of 2020 has gone

through a lot and their college experience was ended in such a horrible way," Abby Whitaker '22 said. "They deserve their day to walk the stage and receive their diploma just like the rest of us."

Still, Whitaker is worried that having both ceremonies so close together could cause some problems on how the ceremonies are run.

"It is going to be difficult for so many people to be visiting campus at one time. Finding a hotel to stay in is going to be a nightmare for both the families of the Class of '20 and Class of '22," Whitaker said.

Ferlazzo said that the University has consulted with the Susquehanna Valley Visitors Bureau to confirm the best commencement date.

"Bureau staff are available to help Bucknell families find lodging and can be reached at 800-525-7320," Ferlazzo said. "On-campus housing will also be available on Friday night for graduates of the Class of 2020 at no charge."

Pete Davidson will be the next big visitor to campus

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There was a lot of excitement around campus this past Friday, Nov. 12, when the CAP Center announced Pete Davidson will be making a visit to the University in January 2022.

Davidson will be attending a moderated Q & A on Sunday, Jan. 23, organized by the Student Lectureship Committee. The announcement closely followed a visit from comedian Sal Vulcano in early November.

According to Natalia Mancero '24, an active member of the SLC who had a large role in organizing this event, students can submit questions for Davidson in advance through a google form sent out via email by Brent Papsen, director of Bucknell's CAP Center, on November 11, 2021. Additionally, students can recommend a faculty or staff member to moderate the Q & A.

Davidson is most well known for his role on Saturday Night Live, as well as from roles in movies such as "The King of Staten Island" and "Big Time Adolescence." Davidson also has a stand up career. In the fall of 2014, Davidson became one of the youngest members to be a cast member of SNL at age 20. Seven seasons later, Davidson is still a cast member.

"Pete got an over-

whelming amount of votes from the student body when we asked who they wanted to come see," Mancero said. "We also wanted someone that was well known and would bring a large crowd of lectureship."

Following Sal Vulcano's comedy show on Friday, Nov. 5, the announcement of the next celebrity visit was highly anticipated by students.

Rachel Bodner '23 attended Vulcano's show and plans to attend Davidson's show next semester.

"Between managing a pandemic and switching back to in person classes, students are extremely stressed and having a hard time balancing the workload," Bodner said. "Events like Sal and Pete give us something to look forward to and motivate us to keep trying."

Bob Feeney '24 didn't attend the Vulcano show, but is looking forward to Pete Davidson.

"I'm excited to see such a big name personality come to campus. It's great that the CAP center has been putting on so many events for students on the weekends," Feeney said.

The Student Lectureship Committee works hard to bring speakers to campus that students feel connected to. It's clear that a large majority of the student body is looking forward to seeing his discussion.



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Brief by Jaxon White
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INTERNATIONAL

Mexico has decided to send at least 1,500 national guard troops to Cancun, addressing rising violence in the southeastern region of the country. They will be stationed in the state of Quintana Roo and operate close to the city of Cancun, according to the Hill. President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's announcement comes after a November 5 gang shooting on a public beach that sent tourists running on November 5.

According to Al Jazeera, a drought in the northern region of Kenya is pushing the boundaries of the country's livestock. Since September, many areas have experienced only 30 percent of regular rainfall for this season. This is the worst short-rain season in decades, said the Famine Early Warning Systems Network.

DOMESTIC

According to the Hill, House Democrats are looking to call a vote on President Biden's \$1.75 trillion climate and social benefits spending plan on Friday. Leaders are hopeful that they can approve the bill before the weeklong Thanksgiving recess, with many thinking it could come as early as Thursday.

The Guardian reported that the US is planning to boost vaccine manufacture rates, aiming to produce at least a billion within the next year. It is reported that the US plans to send these extra vaccines to poorer countries across the globe. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), populations across the continent of Africa that have been vaccinated total at six percent.

Liquor violations doubled from 2019-2020

Juliette Gaggini
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The Clery Act is a federal law which requires colleges and universities to disclose certain timely and annual information about campus crime as well as safety and security policies. In late September, the annual crime and safety report was sent via email to the University community by the Chief of the Department of Public Safety, Steve Barilar. The report is also available online.

As stated in Barilar's email, "the report contains information regarding campus security, fire safety, crime reporting policies, policies and prevention related to sexual assault and other crimes, disciplinary procedures, and other matters of importance related to security and safety on our campus."

Along with the statistics from this past year, the report also contains statistics from three previous calendar years. This year's report showed a number of marked changes from previous years. In 2020, for instance, 409 liquor law violations

were referred for disciplinary action; that figure was 215 in 2019 and 333 in 2018. Of the 409 liquor law violations in 2020, 387 occurred in residential facilities. Meanwhile, of the 215 reported violations in 2019, only 170 of them took place in residential facilities.

These statistics indicate the number of liquor law violations nearly doubled from 2019 to 2020. Though the 2019 school year was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this is still nearly 100 more liquor law violations than the previous comparable year – 2018.

When Barilar was asked about the recent increase in alcohol violations, he referenced a report of this 2021 school year's outcall transports for alcohol overdoses on campus. "As the report suggests, there have been 47 alcohol overdoses at this time period compared to 28 at this time period in 2020. That trend may reflect a troubling national trend showing alcohol consumption has increased during the COVID-19 pandemic."

"However," he con-

tinued, "the majority of the calls for public safety transports due to student intoxication are as a result of students calling concerned about the welfare of another student, which is very positive."

Students are similarly curious about this figure's dramatic increase. Helena Strauss '24, an RA in McDonnell Hall, provided her insight on the situation with The Bucknellian. "Bucknell has always been notorious for drinking, however I think COVID-19 and the isolation caused by this pandemic have worsened this problem. People have been drinking more these past two years because they feel alone and [-] to be honest [-] they are bored. I saw this last year as a first-year and I am continuing to see it this year with the class of 2025. Except this year, first-years have way more access to alcohol than my year did when we were first-years because things here are more back to normal," said Strauss.

"Residential education always trains RAs on how to deal with alcohol violations," Strauss

noted, "but I wish they would teach us more about dealing with the mental health side of this issue. The concern should be more on the well-being and safety of our first years, rather than on just conduct."

Along with showing statistics in the annual crime and safety report from liquor law violations that were referred for disciplinary action, the report also shows liquor law violations that ended with arrests. These statistics have remained relatively stable, with 18 arrests in 2020, 15 in 2019, and 16 in 2018.

In yet another interesting trend, the number of drug law violations which were referred for disciplinary action has steadily decreased since 2018. In 2018 there were 79 reported violations, with 73 in residential housing; both 2019 and 2020 saw 63 reported violations, 52 (2019) and 53 (2020) of which were in residential housing.

The statistics of the annual crime and safety report indicate more students caught breaking liquor laws, and less students caught breaking drug laws on campus.

University podcast receives more than 15,000 downloads in its first year

Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

College Admissions Insider, the University's podcast that provides information for families on the admissions process, has had its first 26 episodes downloaded more than 15,000 times in its first year.

"There are so many details to the college admissions process that it can feel a little overwhelming. But we also know that high school students and their families are incredibly busy. So we designed each episode to be less than 30 minutes long, giving listeners useful information in bite-size nuggets," a press release by Bryan Wendell, Associate Director of Editorial Content Strategy, said.

Wendell, along with Brooke Thames, Communications Writer, co-host the biweekly podcast. It was designed to clarify any confusion surrounding a student's college search. Wendell and Thames look to answer questions that the University's Office of Admissions are frequently asked, while also bringing on guests to talk with.

Coinciding with the podcast, a blog was created to supplement the audio version.

"The blog overlaps with the podcast but is another accessible channel that illustrates the ins and outs of the admissions process. The blog also allows us to take a deeper dive into topics of particular interest to high school students and their

families," Thames said.

At first, Wendell said that the hosts were both worried that the podcast would be "too in the weeds." He said that they were quick to realize that people want to hear about the specific details for the admissions process.

Some of their most popular episode topics include: Episode 4's Inside the Mind of An Application Reader, Episode 1's Choosing a College without Visiting and Episode 5's Writing a Killer College Application Essay, among others.

"As a podcast team — which also includes Content Strategy Assistant Kim Faulk and Digital Marketing Specialist Stevie Blyler — we want to guarantee that each episode feels up to date and current as the college admissions landscape continues to change and evolve," Wendell said.

Both hosts emphasized that they want to hear from listeners. They said that questions from individuals are what drive the podcast and inspire the episodes that they record. Any questions or ideas for episodes can be submitted to podcast@bucknell.edu.

"One of the most rewarding parts of working on the podcast is hearing from listeners. It's such a nice reminder that people are using what we're sharing to enhance their college journeys," Thames said.

Those interested can find the podcast on all major podcast platforms, as well as directly on their website.

UNIVERSITY FALL DANCE SHOWCASE RETURNS AFTER TWO YEARS

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Looking ahead to other Theatre & Dance performances, there will be an additional Showcase in the spring as well as a concert.

"The fall and spring dance concerts featuring the Bucknell Dance Company are produced as part of the Department of Theatre & Dance's mainstage season," the department's website explains. "Students are invited to audition each semester to work with faculty, guest artists and selected student choreographers. Concerts are fully produced with lighting, set and costume designs by the professional faculty and staff in the department."

The website also notes that the Theatre & Dance department are always looking for new majors.

"The major in theatre offers opportunities in all phases of theatre arts: dramatic literature and criticism, engineering/technology, history, performance and design, and the freedom to customize your major around your interests and needs," the website provided. "Throughout the academic year, students can get involved in a variety of theatre productions in the Tuslin Studio Theatre and the Harvey M. Powers Theatre."

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BSG Executive Board Election Results announced

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Editor-in-Chief

On Thursday morning, current Bucknell Student Government (BSG) Vice President of Operations Kate Bixby '22 announced the results for the 2022 BSG Executive Board Elections. Up for election was Bixby's own position, in addition to the roles of Executive President (currently held by Madison Scopano '22) and Vice President of Administration (held by Sophie Guichardan '23, who sought reelection to the post in this year's contest). After an intense and uncertain campaign sea-

son, returns from the Nov. 17 elections showed Bernadette Maramis '24 winning out over Katie Laszkosky '24 for the position of Executive President. Maramis, who soon will lead meetings of BSG and represent the student body as a whole, noted that she is "wholeheartedly honored to have been voted in by my peers, trusting me with such a platform to help catalyze sustainable change on campus." "With this position," she added, "I am dedicated to holding my constituents, University administration, and myself accountable in

cultivating initiatives to help rebuild the relationship between various marginalized communities on campus — based around kindness, inclusivity, and acceptance." According to BSG's bylaws, the Executive President is also charged to "serve as an official liaison to the Board of Trustees," as well as "act as a liaison between the student body and the faculty, staff, and administration" and "monitor all actions of the faculty and administration to ensure students' rights are preserved." The VP of Administration position will be oc-

cupied by Ally Riuli '24; she will inherit the position from Guichardan beginning in the spring semester. Riuli also offered a statement to the Bucknellian on her win, explaining that "I am honored and excited to be elected as the new VP of Administration in BSG and represent the student body of Bucknell." During her tenure, Riuli plans to "promote inclusivity, sustainability, and mental health awareness across campus," and "will work to ensure that every student feels accepted, supported, and heard to make certain that their Bucknell experience is

the best it can be." As a prerogative of her position, Riuli will chair the Public Relations board of BSG's Congressional House, "compile, distribute, and publish meeting minutes for the BSG Congress," and "release and/or distribute information of BSG activities to the campus-wide community." Vice President of Operations was secured by candidate Sam Godshall '24, current Vice President of the Class of 2024, who defeated competitors Elena Roe '24 and Sarah Hanlon '24 for the position. "I am beyond excited to hear your voices in the coming year and tackle some of the issues that face our community," Godshall

said. The sophomore aims to "focus heavily on student health/wellbeing, diversity, and inclusion," and "incorporate DE&I into all conversations and resolutions in BSG in pursuit of a more welcoming community." Among other responsibilities, Godshall will "assume the title of BSG President in the event that the office is vacated," "conduct all BSG general elections with the aid and oversight of the Judiciary Committee," and chair the Organizational Review Board. BSG Executive Board members are elected for the calendar year, while all other positions, including Senators and Representatives, are elected for an academic year.



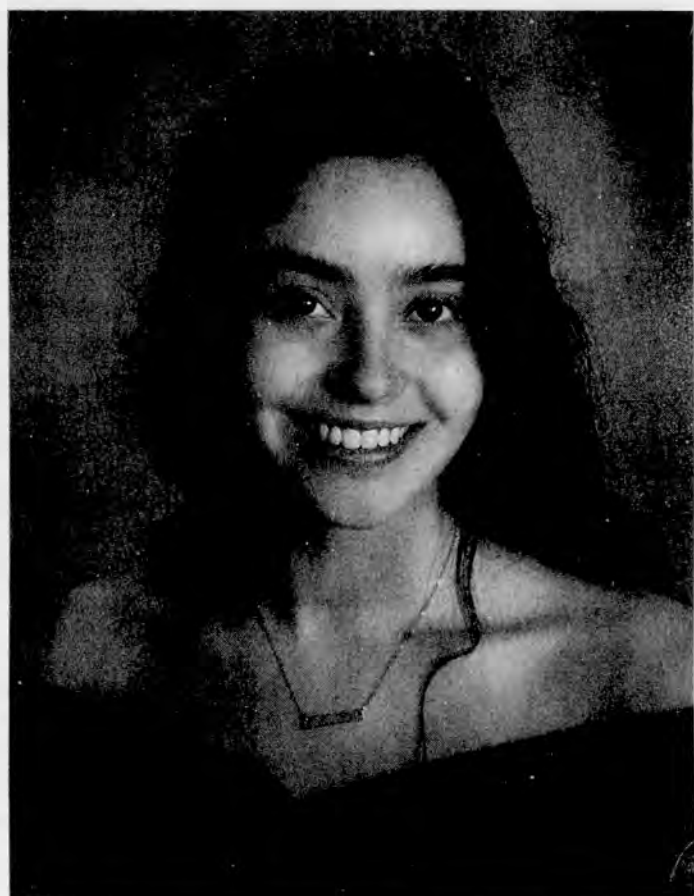
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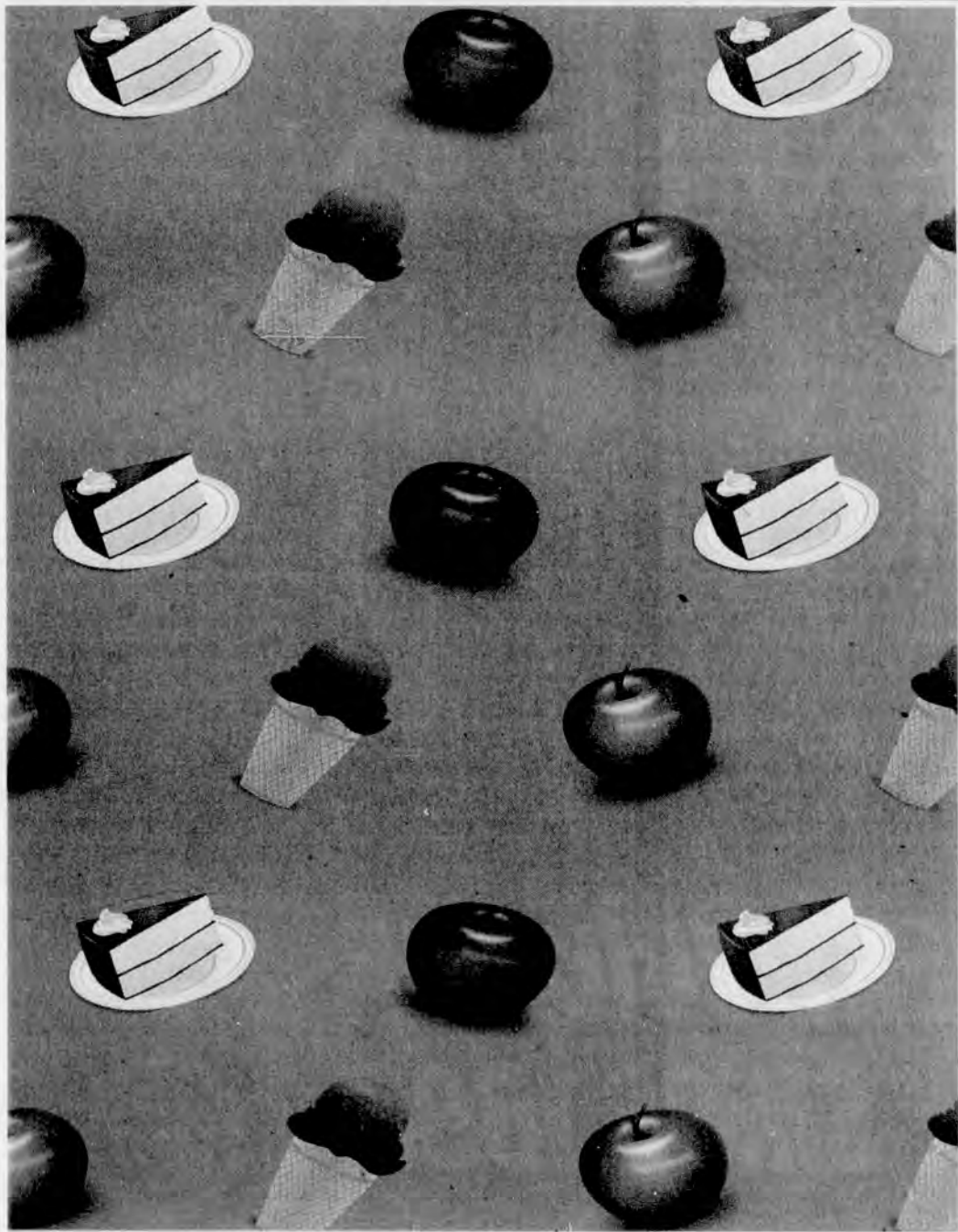
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Students start weekend off sweet with Just Desserts

Dora Kreitzer
Staff Writer

This year's Just Desserts, an all you can eat and make dessert event hosted by CORE, was held at the ELC Mall on Nov. 12, and featured fruit kabobs, cake pops, ice cream sandwiches and the classic candy sushi. CORE, under the guidance of assistant director of Campus Activities and Programs Sarah Herberger and the CORE advisor, worked closely with University dining services to organize the event. They focused most of their attention on which desserts to bring, considering successes from past years and their new ideas in the process. "Candy sushi — I did not know [it] was a staple at Bucknell Just Desserts," Maya Sa-

batier '24, an Executive Planner for CORE, said. "I found that out through the planning process but that was definitely a big shock for me. It sold out, everyone loved it. Cake pops were a new thing, the fruit kabobs we came up with, and then the customizable ice cream sandwiches were also a new thing that came with it." While typically held at Uptown, this year's Just Desserts was held at the ELC Mall. Organizers found this change of location led to a much larger turnout than in years past. With tables of build-your-own desserts lining both sides of the Forum, there were many options to choose from and still room to sit and spread out. Enough people were there early that they decided to start the

event five minutes earlier than planned. People also stopped by to grab dessert on the way to other places. "The ELC was a great place to host Just Desserts. My friends and I came straight down from dinner, grabbed candy and hot chocolate, and found a table at the Bison to sit and talk" Caiden Covell '25 said. The cake pops dipped in icing and covered in a sprinkle of choice were the quickest to go — all 150 were gone within the first 20 minutes. While all of the rest of the supplies lasted the duration of the event, the majority of the people came in the first 45 minutes to ensure they got the desserts they wanted. By the end there was some of everything left, except for the cake pops.

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Student still chasing high of being called “a pleasure to have in class”

Liz Whitmer
Satire Co-Editor

Following an absolutely abysmal midterm check in, Tim Orous '24 realizes his life has gone drastically downhill after he stopped receiving positive feedback that had absolutely nothing to do with his grades from those teaching him.

Many other students have reported feeling insecure upon coming to college and realizing their glaringly obvious mediocrity, and Orous is never an exception. While it is common for students to see a decline in GPA from high school to college, the biggest struggle comes from never knowing if professors find an individual to

be “a pleasure to have in class” or “a leader in the classroom.”

To resolve the turmoil caused by the unmet validation, the University has implemented a new protocol for parent-teacher conferences. In order to ensure all students are feeling appreciated even when their grades are atrocious, professors, upon request of the student, are now obligated to have a virtual conversation with parents and blow smoke about their child to make everyone feel a little bit better about spending \$74,676 a year for a student to screw around.

Professors report

feeling major disdain towards students after these conferences, and many parents have pulled their children out of school following the harsh words imparted by the faculty. However, in cases in which a student was told they are a pleasure to have in class, the comment inflated their ego by up to 700 percent, while their grades continued to look like a pro golfer's personal record.

Luckily, the avenue to receive validation has improved the mental health of many students, thus reducing the counseling center appointment waitlist to only seven weeks from inquiry.

Combatting drunk driving: University scatters hundreds of used Razor scooters across campus for safe transportation downtown

Bridgette Simpson
Satire Co-Editor

This week, the University unveiled another option for students to get around campus and downtown safely with the intention of reducing situations where drunk driving could transpire. On Monday, students woke up to find that thousands of Razor scooters had been placed around campus, somewhat haphazardly.

Students walking to their morning classes tripped over scooters in the dark, not realizing that almost every inch of free ground space had been covered by a Razor scooter. The Student Health Center was subsequently filled with complaints of “the worst ankle injuries ever sustained.” The fact that the scooters were secondhand (as made evident by the rust on each scooter) didn't help.

“I used one of the

scooters to get to class because I was late, but I couldn't even really use the scooter for its intended purpose because the sheer amount of scooters lying around on the road, in the bushes, on the grass, hanging from the trees and on the walkways and sidewalks was just absurd,” shared Scooter McGavin '23. “But I did steal three or four, just in case.” Oh, he can count. Good for him.

“It's unbelievable that the administration will come up with what seems like thousands upon thousands of scooters seemingly overnight, but there isn't a one-to-one parking spot to student ratio,” lamented Emily Razor '24.

Emily obviously misunderstood the purpose of the scooters in the first place, which was to combat drunk driving. More

parking spots would have been entirely counterproductive in this scenario. As it turns out though, Student Health found out very quickly that a drunk student on a scooter (or maybe even a few drunk students on a scooter) is also dangerous to the safety of those riding the scooters, but also to those around them. Students have taken to “dive bombing” the hill next to the Chapel on the scooters, which caused a lot of traffic issues for those driving on Moore Ave. It's hard to drive when there are 15 guys lying in the middle of the road, blaming each other for messing up the velocity of the scooter.

Early Tuesday morning, faculty was seen using snow plows to shovel the scooters back into several giant vans.

Your New Go To List of Thankfulness Declarations

AJ Lawrence
Contributing Writer

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and millions of families are by now getting ready for food, football, shopping and spending precious hours with those extended family members you probably dislike. Yes, there will be those wonderful conversations surrounding politics, religion, current events, how school is going and every other topic that only appears when more than three members of your family are present for any reason.

Now these conversations can be daunting for even seasoned veterans of awkward family conversations — the worst of all being sharing what you are most thankful for at the penultimate holiday dinner of the year. Thankfully, it's your lucky day; this year you don't have

to think of your own particular things to share at Thanksgiving dinner. Instead, we are going to do it for you!

Actually, a focus group from the Humanities Department curated a “Thankfulness Declarations that will Appease Your Insufferable Family” list, and asked us to share it with the student body which we're grateful for seeing as everyone here at The Bucknellian were struggling just as much to come up with thankfulness declarations.

First, there's always the tried and true statement: “I'm thankful for my family and friends,” — this might even be true for some! Or at least the friends part. Others are being thankful for your grades or job, which are perfectly believable as long as no one asks too

many questions. Similarly, the “I'm thankful for being here today with you all,” platitude's truthfulness depends heavily on what company you're in. Plus, there's the added bonus of working just as well at weddings or funerals.

However, if you want some private entertainment while you struggle to be cordial throughout the evening, maybe add some subtle jabs to your declarations. Possibilities include: “I'm thankful for the opportunity to discuss politics with everyone,” or “I'm thankful to hear so-and-so's conspiracy theories again.” The trick here is to sound sincere enough when you say it so that no one is immediately angered by the comment.

No matter what you do, just have fun and try not to start any fights you can't win.

Increase in mental health services when students struggle to adapt life at home

Maximus Bean
Senior Writer

As Thanksgiving Break approaches, it is important to remember that not everyone has the same advantages at home compared to what they have on campus. While we should keep these inequalities in mind, we should also hold that due to the incoming return, some people are less eager than others to go home.

“Why should I have to cook when I get meals from the café every day?” Chip Baker '25 said. “My family is gonna expect me to actually contribute and make something for Thanksgiving! Can't we just get fast food?” As a first-year, Baker receives (mandatory) unlimited swipes at the café. As a consequence, weaning

students off of the meal plan will be more difficult than the administration would imagine. This is only part of the reason why Thanksgiving break is implemented. The main reason, however, is that the break is an excellent way to relax after a semester of chaos. Of course, when I say this, I am referring to the professors — who after all, work just as hard as the students. Incidentally, I'd appreciate extra credit if there are any professors reading this.

“I'm looking forward to the break,” Professor Harding Workman said. “It gives me a chance to sit back, relax and wait for my students to write that seven-page essay I

gave them.” With finals coming up soon, students still have much to do to prepare. Whatever ease they may find during this break will be shattered by an onslaught of exams, essays and reports during the following weeks. It is an amalgamation of these issues that lead students to flood the Mental Health Services facilities on campus. I'd add a statement from one of the on-campus counselors here, but I've been barred from seeing anybody. I can't help that I scheduled ten consecutive sessions to tell them my life story. However, they didn't see a cause for my rampant narcissism. It turned out I was perfectly healthy the whole time!

The end-of-semester panic

Sarah Petnuch
Senior Writer

It's the week before Thanksgiving, A.K.A. the second to worst week of the semester — second only to finals. This is the week where the fact that the semester is starting to come to a close finally hits you, as well as the realization that you now have little to no time to bring up the grade in the class you're currently pulling a D- in (the class that is required for your major, might I add).

As a result, you end up in the library until 2 a.m. the night before your exam. Sweating, crying, throwing up and screaming internally as you try to cram 10 lectures worth of information into your brain, which at this point, is running at a functional

brain cell count lower than ever before. All of this is quite unfortunate because during your desperately needed meeting with your professor to determine a strategy on how to pass the class, he informed you that you need a 99 percent on this exam and a stellar grade on your final to get a C+.

There is no room for error here. All systems are a go as you attempt to fly through an entire unit in one night of studying. After taking the exam you have barely any time to dwell on how it went because you have no choice but to immediately start preparing for the next one. Now that you think about it, you almost don't even remember taking the exam.

It's as if you were hypnotized by academia and it completely took over all consciousness from the time you entered the classroom to the time you left. But more likely than not it is just the result of the fact that you got 47 seconds of sleep the night before.

It is a whole lot of pain and suffering we students put ourselves through to get a good grade. The dedication (and insanity) it takes to bring a failing grade to a passing one is not for the faint of heart. While it is difficult in the moment, one day you'll get your degree and start your dream job and all the agony, sleepless nights and caffeine overloads will be worth it... hopefully.

University prepares for cultural melting pot following the return of study abroad students

Thao Nguyen
Staff Writer

Study abroad students are ready to come back for winter break and the University is ready for their return with an event that consists of multiple sessions for students that did not study abroad, preparing them for what is yet to come.

One session the University is hosting is for those that have to face students that are returning from Spa — I mean España. The main focus of the session is to know the perfect length of time to roll your r's as we may think that those who have gone to España are doing it for an unnecessary amount of time, when in reality, we are and have been doing it wrong. There will be a complimentary

timer for those that still do not have the timing down.

Every student has encountered someone who has studied abroad in España and specifically visited Barcelona. I hope you read it as “Barthelona” or else they would chastise you if you read or said it as “Barcelona” with the “c”. In preparation for that, there will be a session where a Spanish professor alongside a student who went to España and will most likely take over the session, will teach you how to properly pronounce Barcelona once and for all. At the end of the session there will be a complimentary face shield to protect you from the amount of spit you will

receive when they say “Barthelona” with a heavy emphasis on the “th”.

Along with having to hear, “I can't explain it, you just have to be there to experience it,” and “you're missing out on it,” many students will have to face those who would occasionally “slip out” a foreign word as if it is their native tongue. To brace ourselves for those moments, the last session of the event will teach us the foreign words that the study abroad students love to throw around so we will no longer have to ask them what it means. Unfortunately, there is nothing to be given out at the end of this session as the University has spent it all on the face shields and timers.

STAYING in STEP WITH DANCE AT BUCKNELL

Juliana Rodrigues '24
Special Features Editor

For dancers here at the University, those looking to expand their horizons or those looking to discover a new hobby and experiment with their dancing skills, we are lucky to have a variety of dance types offered on various different levels of experience and through multiple dance groups. With dance offered as a minor, classes include jazz, Chinese water sleeve, ballet and modern at different levels; there are also options almost every semester to improve or build on experience in fundamental dance technique. Yet the possibilities for getting involved with some form of dance does not just stop at technique classes - showcase and mainstage auditions are held each semester. Showcases feature various different choreographed pieces from students who have taken a dance composition class. Additionally, in both the fall and spring semester, a mainstage dance concert featuring the Bucknell Dance Company is held. It is a large event for the Dance and Theatre Department here, allowing the performers to really "showcase" their expansive talent. While a mainstage role would pose a higher commitment to those with a greater interest in dance,

students can audition for both this show and the Showcase as well. The latter presents an opportunity for those looking to try something new and test the waters in a showcase role.

"Joining the dance department as an Arts Merit Scholar was the best decision I made coming into college. I have had the opportunity to take technique classes, perform in different showings and also create relationships with amazing people who share my passion and love for dance. Dance has always been a large part of my life, and I am so happy that I have been able to continue here at Bucknell University. I can't wait to continue to learn and grow as a dancer and make more memories with my amazing friends," Katie Kulseh '24, a dance minor, said.

This year's Dance "Main Stage" Event will be taking place Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. Students can purchase tickets at the box office or online for \$7.

Beyond the University's Theatre and Dance Department offerings, the Bisonettes Dance Team and the Bison Girls Dance Team - two student-run groups on campus - provide other opportunities for students

to get involved in dance. The Bisonettes hold auditions in the fall for prospective members. One of their core focuses as a group is to promote cultural diversity and appreciation through the medium of dance. Consequently they practice and showcase many different types of dance, including Hip-Hop, Jazz, Western African, Caribbean and Modern. In the past, The Bisonettes have performed at a number of campus events such as the Orientation pep-rally and Homecoming weekend, as well as the Dance Showcase and Black Arts Fest. Christa Starghill '24, who co-manages The Bisonettes' Instagram, joined the dance team this fall and shared on her experience on the team so far, "Being a Bisonette is so important to me because it's not just a team - it's a sisterhood," Starghill said. "I love the support I receive from every one of the dancers and the captains."

As the University's other major dance group, the Bison Girls have been at the University for over two decades. Well-known for performing at both men's and women's basketball games, the Bison Girls also perform at events such as the Dance Showcase and during Parents' weekend, along

with their annual "Off the Court" fundraiser performance which took place last weekend. Cara O'Neill '22 reflected on her time as a member of the group and how much the team has impacted her experience at the University. "Bison Girls has given me so much over the past four years," O'Neill explained. "It has given me a tight knit community on campus since day one with a group of girls who have become my best friends. We also all share a strong background in dance and continue to push one another to be better dancers and continue to grow."

For a chance to see Cara and The Bison Girls perform, be sure to attend the upcoming basketball games this season.

While some students know little about the dance program here at the University, many of our peers commit large amounts of their time to classes, rehearsals and performances. To stay up-to-date on upcoming dance and theatre events access the online events calendar through the University's ticket page. For updates on The Bison Girls Dance Team and The Bisonettes follow them both on Instagram @bisongirls and @bisonettesdanceteam.

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FOOTBALL
VS. HOLY CROSS AT 1PM ON 11/20

Brooke Tracey
Contributing Writer

After 622 days since the last game with fans in the stands, the Bison men's basketball team returned to Sojka Pavilion on Sunday, Nov. 14 to face the Penn Quakers. The game remained even throughout both halves of play, but the Bison could not outscore their competitors. The game ended 73-68 in favor of Penn, causing the Bison to fall to 0-2 on the start of the season.

The contest was evenly matched throughout, with nei-

ther team leading by more than seven points. While the Quakers held a close 34-32 lead at the half, the Bison came out on fire in the second half. A little over four minutes in, senior guard Andrew Funk hit three triples, leading the Bison to a 43-37 lead.

The game remained close throughout the rest of play. With less than four minutes left to play, junior guard Xander Rice tied the score at 60, but there were still plenty more points to be scored before time

ran out. A few Bison turnovers led to Penn points, but the Orange and Blue were able to lessen the deficit to three off of center Alex Timmerman's '23 three-pointer with nine seconds left on the clock.

Despite the loss, there were many notable Bison performances, especially from Funk, who scored a career-high 32 points in the home opener. Out of those 32 points, 30 of them came from three-point plays. First-year guard Elvin Edmond IV added 10 points

of his own to the scoreboard, while Timmerman scored 7 and Rice scored 6 points.

When asked about the outcome of the game, Funk remained very optimistic: "It's always great to play at home in front of students and fans. Although the result wasn't what [they] wanted, there were a lot of good things to build on. [The team] plays a lot of very good teams during the non conference schedule so they can continue to improve," Funk said.

When asked about how

the team as a whole is looking this season, he said that they "have an exciting group with a high ceiling, and if [they] work to get better with every practice and every game, [he] believes [they] will be very successful come the end of the season."

Still very early in their season, the Bison have plenty of time to rebound. The Orange and Blue look to earn their first win of the season on Wednesday, Nov. 17 as they host Rider University at 7 p.m. in Sojka Pavilion.

Ranked opponent Ohio State pulls away to defeat Bison

Rylee Donaldson
Contributing Writer

The Orange and Blue traveled on the road to Ohio State to face their first opponent of the season. The Bison posted a strong first half effort, holding the Buckeyes to just 27.6 percent shooting and just a four point lead. Ultimately, the Buckeyes pulled away in the second half to defeat the Bison 71-48.

The Buckeyes improved their shooting percentage in the second half, averaging 55.6 percent on shots. They put away 5-of-12 from behind the arc. The Orange and Blue shot 34.6 percent for the game. They were even with the Buckeyes in rebounds at 36 apiece. The main issue for the Bison was turnovers, as 20 of them led to 18 points for the Buckeyes. They were not as successful from behind the arc, managing just

2-of-11 attempts from 3-point range.

Senior Taylor O'Brien '22 led the Bison with 17 points. O'Brien shot 6-of-13 with one from behind the arc. Emma Shaffer '24 led the Orange and Blue in rebounds with seven. Cecelia Collins '25 finished second in points with eight on 4-of-7 shooting (57%) and had four rebounds.

Captain Marly Walls '22 explained that, "We went out and battled hard, especially in the first half. We knew they were going to be a strong Power 5 opponent, but we felt prepared to face them. There were a lot of good takeaways from the game, and we definitely found some things that we need to work on."

"We look forward to getting back to work and improving for our upcoming games," she continued.

The turnovers from the Bison gave the Buck-

eyes an early 20-7 lead. The Orange and Blue then went on a 15-0 run to bring the game back to 20-14. The Bison even took the lead in the second corner at 22-20, but shots began to fall again for the Buckeyes who took a 28-24 lead. The Bison limited the Buckeyes to 3-of-17 (17.6%) from the field in the second quarter.

The transition defense became a problem for the Bison in the second half. The Buckeyes were able to pull away and went up by as many as 25 in the final frame.

The Orange and Blue will take the lessons learned from the game against the Buckeyes and continue to work for their upcoming game against Fairleigh Dickinson. The Bison travel to face the Knights in their second game of the season on Wednesday, Nov. 17. The game is scheduled to tip off at 7 p.m.

Bison Football fall at Army

Logan Kinajil-Moran
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The Bison football team lost 63-10 in a tough encounter at Army West Point at historic Michie Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 13.

Army West Point, who became bowl eligible with the victory, took the lead with six unanswered touchdowns in the first half. The Bison looked to fight back in the third quarter, with Jared Cooper '22 rushing for a 19-yard touchdown, and Ryan Schatzel '24 kicking a 25-yard field goal in back-to-back possessions. However, these points weren't enough to stop The Black Knights from racing away with three more touchdowns in the second half, after a lightning delay during the intermission. Army led the game in first downs (30-11), total offense (486-175), and time of possession (34:23-25:37).

Bison quarterback Ethan Grady '25 completed 16 passes for 136 yards. Tight-ends Adam Barakat '24 and Christian Spugnardi '25 set career-high figures in receiving yards, with 44 and 30 yards respectively. Marques Owens '25 also set a career record with 38 kickoff return

yards as part of his 66 all-purpose yards.

On the defensive end, Alex Smith Jr. '25 and Cooper Kim '23 set career-high totals for tackles, with eight and seven respectively.

"Playing Army at Michie Stadium was an incredible experience that I do not think anyone on the team will ever forget. The main challenge that Army posed is the fact that they are a great team with a very unique styled offense that is difficult to stop. We go into every game with a winning mentality therefore we knew we would have to play better than we had all year to compete with Army," Kim, who scored the Bison's only touchdown, said.

The Orange and Blue close their 2021 campaign at home against defending Patriot League champions Holy Cross on Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. at Christy Mathewson Memorial Stadium.

"Nothing is different going into our last game against Holy Cross. The energy and vibe of the team is positive since we all have been waiting for a rematch with the reigning Champs. We know what talent we have and what we are capable of and that is why we are going into this game expecting to win," Kim said.

A win for Men's Water Polo to lead into the MAWPC Championships

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As the Men's Water Polo team looks to head into their postseason, a final regular season win was exactly what the team needed. The Bison traveled to Emmitsburg, Maryland to compete against Mount Saint Mary's on Sunday, Nov. 14th. They returned home with the win, defeating Mount Saint Mary's 11 to 5.

Early in the game, Mount Saint Mary's earned a 1-0 lead. That lead lasted for less than three minutes as Andu Vlasceanu '23 came back to score a goal which re-

sulted in a 5-0 run by the Bison. Four of the goals were scored by Vlasceanu while the last goal was scored by Walker Butler '24, a sophomore attacker. Mount Saint Mary's responded with two goals to put them within two. The Bison struggled for some time to respond with a goal, but Matt Ryckman '25, a first-year center, came back with a goal to end the first half with a 6-3 lead.

The closest Mount Saint Mary's came to keeping up with Bucknell was within two goals; the

rest of the game was commanded by the Bison who won by a score of 11-5. The last few goals were each scored by a different player, including Doruk Ozar '24, Jack Lewis '22, Andu Vlasceanu, and Walker Butler.

The Bison will be traveling to Annapolis, Maryland Friday, November 19th for the first round of the MAWPC Championships. Their first opponent will be Wagner with the match taking place at 4:30pm. The Bison went 1-1 against Wagner in the regular season.

Bison Volleyball comes to a close at Loyola Maryland

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The Orange and Blue traveled to Baltimore, Md. to compete against Loyola Maryland at 7 p.m. Friday night. After three competitive sets, the Greyhounds came out on top, bringing the woman's season to an unfortunate end.

The Bison fell behind early in the first, trailing Loyola 4-1. They were able to catch up and narrow the score to 4-3. After a few runs, the Greyhounds finished the set 25-12, the biggest gap of the game.

The second set was led by the Bison, who gained the first lead of the match 6-5 and held onto that lead. The Greyhounds, however, were able to make a comeback in the set after two back-to-back kills and service aces. The Bison continued to fight, but Loyola was able to take the second set victory. They were never able to regain the lead in the third set and ended up losing the final set 25-21.

Despite the unfortunate loss, the women put on an exceptional performance. Sandra Korusiewicz '23 and Allie Lopez '24 both ended with six kills and Jordan Hardy '25 with 16 digs. Sarah Ramirez '24 also earned an impressive 12 assists. "I think we played well and showed that we are a strong team that should not be underestimated," Lopez said.

The Bison finished the season 3-13 in Patriot League play and 7-18 in overall play. Lopez says the team plans to get stronger – both mentally and physically – in order to be ready for the season and begin again strong in the spring.

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ATHLETE

OF THE WEEK

Ashlyn Ramos '22



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SWIMMING PROFILE

HOMETOWN: NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y.

HIGH SCHOOL: NEW ROCHELLE

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Senior Cross Country star Ashlyn Ramos has broken yet again another record, as she is the first University runner to make the NCAA Championship more than once. Ramos was the Patriot League individual champion last spring, and has had the best time on the team in four meets this fall season. On Oct. 31, she placed second in the Patriot League Championship which helped the Bison finish fourth in the meet. In the All-Region meet, this senior earned All-Region status, finishing 10th out of 193

competitors helping the Bison place 14th in the meet. While she didn't automatically qualify for the NCAA Championships as she did last spring, Ramos was able to secure an at-large bid for the competition.

Alongside her first place Patriot League finish in spring 2021, her Cross Country accomplishments in prior seasons include All-Patriot League First Team, sixth place at the ECAC Championships and a 141st place finish in the NCAA Championship meet.

"I feel so lucky to be able to line up next to such a great group of girls and especially seniors. Crossing

the line and turning around and hugging all my teammates as they crossed was the best feeling in the world. It was a big confidence boost to qualify for nationals the more conventional way this year and I am really looking forward to hopefully improving on my placing from last year and being a little bit more competitive now that I have some experience," Ramos said.

Ashlyn will compete in the NCAA Championships on Nov. 20 in Tallahassee, Florida. She will look to best Theresa Dennis's '03 Bison student-athlete record at the NCAA championships of 73rd place set in 2001.

Women's Soccer falls at Rutgers

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Fifth-ranked and top-seeded Rutgers scored once in each half to defeat a hard-working Bison team 2-0 Sunday in the first round of the NCAA Women's Soccer Tournament. Goalkeeper Jenna Hall '24 played a starring role for the Bison, finishing with a career-high 15 saves. Hall made 11 stops in the first half alone, along with an impressive save on a penalty kick in the 88th minute of the game.

Hall was busy, but the defense held strong in front of her until just before the half-hour mark when the Scarlet Knights cashed in on a scramble in the box. The first goal came after two amazing saves from Hall,

but ended up in the back of the net. Rutgers doubled its lead in the 61st minute, taking the ball from the left flank across the 18 to the top of the D and pulling a low shot back inside the left post.

The Bison were not without their chances however, as they earned numerous shots and corners throughout the game. In the second half, Teresa Deda '25 hit a distance shot off the crossbar, which would have cut the Scarlet Knights lead to one.

Junior Kaylee Donnelly spoke on the team's excellent performance, "Despite the loss, our team really put forth an incredible effort. We knew going into the game it was going to be a tough one, but I'm really proud of the way we played. I think we proved ourselves on the field, to

a top ranked team, and everyone gave their best. It showed that our team is capable of playing at a highly competitive level and how we hope to carry that same energy into next season," Donnelly said.

This game marks the Bison's best defensive showing in the NCAA tournament, as they got scored on three times a-piece against both Penn State and West Virginia, and had limited offensive chances. The Scarlet Knights were the first team to break through the Orange and Blue defense since a strong three-game tournament stretch.

Despite having to say goodbye to six impactful seniors, the Bison will return 9 of this year's 11 starters, which is promising for next season.

Cross Country runs the show

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Women's

This past Friday the University women's cross country team competed in the NCAA Mid Atlantic Regional Championships in Bethlehem, PA placing 14th out of the 27 schools competing.

The Orange and Blue totaled 363 points bringing them to right behind La Salle and three spots ahead of Patriot League competitor Lehigh. Out of all the Patriot League competition, Navy finished highest at seventh overall.

Leading the Bison, Ashlyn Ramos '22 finished tenth overall out of 193 competitors. She was the highest placed Patriot League Runner following her runner-up honors at the Patriot League Championship on Oct. 31. "I think it was a really good ending to the season for both of our teams and a nice confidence boost for some. It might be my best cross country race ever and

I hope I can keep the momentum and improve on last year's NCAA finish" Ramos said. Ramos also managed to qualify for the NCAA Championships by virtue of an at-large bid. This is the second time Ramos has qualified, a University record.

Senior Emily Deschler '22 followed up her top 30 finish in the Patriot League Championships by placing 68th. Lauren Trapani '25 had a great Regional Championships debut by finishing 72nd. Ally Clarke '24 (104th) and Nora Bennett '22 (109th) were the other Bison to compete in the race.

Men's

The Bison men's cross country team placed 10th out of the 26 schools competing on Friday at the 2021 NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships. The Orange and Blue went into the meet ranked 12th and finished two spots ahead of that in 10th. Two Bison finished in the top 50 out of the 174 total

competitors.

The Bison scored 282 points, finishing two spots behind Patriot League Champion Navy and two spots ahead of meet host Lehigh. Samuel Whittaker '23 was the highest-placing runner out of the Patriot league leading the Bison with a 32nd overall finish (31:36.8). "We were able to end our season with our heads up high after finishing top 10 in the region. Felt great to be able to get payback on Lehigh and we are right on the heels of Navy. This was our best team performance by far this season and we have set ourselves up perfectly for the coming indoor track season," Whittaker said.

Michael Donnelly '24 finished just outside of the top 40 at 42nd and senior Brendan O'Toole closed out the fall finishing 51st. Fellow seniors Owen Chase (75th) and Ryan Miele (83rd) finished out the Bison in the top 100.

Bison succeed on the mat

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The Orange and Blue went 3-0 in opening their 2021-2022 season at the Patriot Duals. The Bison defeated Averett (40-3), George Mason (26-6) and Bellarmine (39-2) at the Recreation Athletic Complex.

Several wrestlers went 3-0 at the event, including Kurt Phipps '24 (133), Darren Miller (141) '24, Zach Hartman '22 (165), and Logan Deacetis '25 (184). Miller is currently ranked at No. 27 and Hartman is ranked at No. 9.

Deacetis accumulated bonus points for the Or-

ange and Blue in all three of his competitions due to registering a fall, a technical fall and a major decision. Phipps and Hartman netted bonus points in two of their three matches for the Bison.

Luke Niemeyer '23 (285) and Jaden Fisher '23 (174) won both of their bouts. Niemeyer moved up from the 197-pound weight class, while Fisher moved from the 157-pound weight class.

"This week as a team we are really emphasizing having energy when we compete and going out there to score points. Personally, I just want to have fun and try to put myself

in the best wrestling positions I can to control the matches," Phipps said.

The Orange and Blue took eight of 10 bouts from the host Patriots, with Deacetis and Niemeyer having two major decisions. Phipps, Delp and Deacetis were three of seven Bison to have their first collegiate dual victory. Kolby DePron '25 (149) and Max Harar '25 (285) won their match in the Bison's final duel against Bellarmine, despite not competing in the first two duals.

The Orange and Blue travel to Annapolis, Md. on Saturday for the Navy Classic on Nov. 20.

BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

The Battle to Qualify

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Exciting matches have been taking place as several World Cup qualifiers have kicked off in the past few weeks. Highly anticipated teams like Argentina, Brazil and the United States have all had important games on the road to the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

The U.S. men's soccer team started rough in the final round of the 2022 qualifiers, suffering a surprising loss to

Panama in the first match. They currently sit in second place in the standings after their fifth match of the 14 they will play in these qualifiers.

The men's team then earned a strong win this past Friday, defeating Mexico 2-0. Arguably one of their best games in a while, this victory had put the team in a solid place for this upcoming World Cup. It's only the fifth time in 20 years that the men have beaten

Mexico in qualifiers, interestingly enough all of these victories have taken place in the state of Ohio. This match also put the United States at the top of the standings, a successful gain in qualifying.

Their most recent game occurred against Jamaica, in which the men produced a nail-biting 1-1 tie. The team did not play to their strengths as they did against Mexico, struggling to move the ball as seamlessly. The game went

down to the wire, only producing more stress when a goal scored by Jamaica in the 84th minute was called off by the referee for a foul.

Despite getting a point out of the match, a tie meant that the United States lost their spot at the top to Canada, who beat Mexico 2-1. The men now have 15 points, only one ahead of Mexico and Panama and one behind Canada.

Their performance

is highly anticipated going into 2022. The U.S. men's soccer team has historically struggled on the international stage, sometimes even grappling to get past qualifiers. Last World Cup, the men failed to qualify for the tournament.

The COVID-19 pandemic has complicated the usual process of qualifying. The schedule has been compressed from 18 months to seven, forcing teams to play matches in

closer succession, as shown by the United States playing weekly. The World Cup takes place in Qatar in 2022 from Nov. 21 to Dec. 18.

The United States team gets a long break before their next round of matches. They next play Bosnia and Herzegovina on Dec. 18, at the Dignity Health Tennis Center in Los Angeles. The country will be watching in hopes that this year the men are able to step up and represent the nation.

Bucknell Hall of Fame inducts two major classes

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On Oct. 22 and 24, the Bucknell Athletics Hall of Fame Committee formally inducted their 42nd and 43rd classes. While the 42nd class was announced in the Spring of 2020, the induction was postponed to this Fall in order to accommodate an in-person ceremony.

The Hall of Fame was first established in 1979 to honor the most accomplished and distinguished in the history of University Athletics. Honorees include student-athletes, coaches, administrators and friends who have made exceptional contributions to the athletics community.

A four-year member of the University Athletics community myself, it was enlightening to hear the continued passion each of these athletes have for their sports and the University. Each of these athletes were shaped by their successes in their respective sports, and continue to inspire Bison athletes to strive for excellence on the field, in the classroom and every aspect of their life.

Read below to learn about each of the inductees from 42nd and 43rd Bucknell Athletics Hall of Fame classes.

Bucknell Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2020

Mike Deckert '84, Men's Cross Country

Deckert was part of one of the most accomplished cross country squads in the history of the University, finishing 12th at the NCAA Cham-

pionships, and going 39-0 in dual meets during his four years. Deckert himself was an All-East honoree, and placed 94th at the NCAA Championship. Deckert still holds the fourth-fastest steeplechase time in school history, and holds top-10 times for the outdoor 5,000 meters, outdoor 10,000 meters and indoor 5,000 meters. In addition to his running accolades, Deckert earned six ECC Scholar-Athlete awards and was a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-District selection.

Jabulani Powell '02, Football

Powell is one of the best running backs to come out of the University football program, rushing the schools second-highest rushing yards with 2,919 in his career. Powell set the University and Patriot League single-game rushing record against Cornell in September of 2000 with 282. He posted 12 career 100-yard rushing games in his time as a Bison. Powell earned Second Team All-Patriot League and Honorable Mention on the Don Hansen Football Gazette All-America Team in 2000.

Theresa Dennis Simko '03, Women's Cross Country

Dennis was an exceptional distance runner for the Bison, running in two NCAA Cross Country Championships, and was an All-Patriot League honoree in all four of her years. Dennis was also a top-performer on the track team, earning an additional four All-Patriot League Honors. She was named to the 2016 Patriot League 25th Anniversary Team.

Christa Sawko '07, Women's Track & Field

Sawko won gold medals in seven of the eight Patriot League Championships she participated in. During her junior year, Sawko qualified for the NCAA regionals, and even earned a 14th place finish. Sawko also held several of the school's track and field records upon graduating, including the outdoor 800 for 11 years, and the indoor 1,000 and outdoor 1,500 for seven years. She earned several All-East certificates, and an ECAC gold medal.

Jennifer Dervarics '09, Women's Soccer

Dervarics was part of one of the most threatening Bison offenses, alongside another fellow Hall of Fame inductee, Christa Matlack. Dervarics was named Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year in both her junior and senior seasons, as well as a three-time All-Patriot League selection. At the end of her senior year, Dervarics tallied 91 career points on 36 goals and 19 assists. During her time as a Bison, Dervarics led the team to a 2005 Patriot League title, and two regular season titles in 2006 and 2007. Dervarics had a professional stint with the Philadelphia Fever after graduation.

Conor O'Brien '10, Men's Soccer

O'Brien was a talented attacking midfielder, earning Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year awards his junior and senior seasons, and earning the University's first soccer All-American in 33 years during his senior season. He was also a three-time

All-Patriot League honoree, and a three-time All-Region honoree. O'Brien was also named one of the 15 semi-finalists for the Hermann Trophy. As two-time captain, O'Brien tallied 26 goals and 25 assists over the course of his career. O'Brien went on to a successful overseas pro career in several locations, including Denmark and Austria.

Andy Rendos '10, Wrestling

Rendos was a four-time NCAA qualifier, and an All-American. Rendos also holds the second-highest total for career wins with 121, only second to fellow Hall of Famer, Kevin LaValley. Rendos finished second at EIWA as a junior, fourth as a sophomore, and third as a freshman. Rendos posted 14 straight wins to end his career, finishing with a total 26-2 record.

The Bucknell Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2021

Julia Diaz '95, Women's Tennis

Diaz was a two-year captain for the Bison tennis squad, posting a 34-11 record in singles, and a 26-6 record in doubles. She holds the one of the best winning percentages in Bucknell tennis history with a .779. Diaz was a doubles All-Patriot League selection in 1993 and 1994, as well as the Patriot League All-Decade Team in 2001. Diaz earned the No. 1 position from her freshman year on, and would have been even more successful if she didn't sustain a knee injury during her junior season.

Jenny Snyder '99, Softball

One of the most successful University softball players, Snyder earned Second Team All-Patriot League honors as a freshman, and First Team honors in the remainder of her seasons as a Bison. Snyder posted a .336 batting average over the course of her career, and is the second leader in all-time hits with 189. She graduated with several team records including games played with 166, games started with 163, assists with 472 and at-bats with 563.

Kyle Walter '06, Baseball

Walter was the first player in University history to earn four All-Patriot League nominations. He tallied 210 career hits, 45 doubles, and a .337 batting average. An excellent hitter, Walter led the Bison to a 2003 Patriot League Championship and NCAA appearance. While primarily a center-fielder, Walter also made awesome contributions to the squad as a left-handed pitcher. After the University Walter was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays, and played three years in the minor leagues.

Amanda Faust '09, Field Hockey

After being named Patriot League Rookie of the Year in 2005, Faust went on to be a four-time All-Patriot League selection, and the first Bison field hockey player to earn First Team All-Region honors. Although she was primarily a defensive player, Faust tallied several points on penalty corners. She completed her career with 29 goals and 34 assists for a total of 92 points.

Andrew Cohen '10, Men's Golf

Cohen is one of the University's best golfers. He was part of two Patriot League Championship squads and he made two NCAA Regional Appearances. Cohen finished in the top 10 in all four of his years at the Patriot League Championships, and earned the league title during his junior season in 2009.

Kevin LeValley '11, Wrestling

LeValley was a two-time All-American after he finished seventh at the NCAA Championships in 2010 and 2011. He set University records for number of wins in a season with 42, and 127 in his career. As a senior, LeValley posted superb stats, with a .919 winning percentage, and ranking as high as No. 2 nationally. LeValley was a two-time captain, and made three trips to the NCAA Championships. He was also a three-time EIWA placewinner. After the University, LeValley competed internationally, and was ranked as high as 12th in the world.

Christa Matlack '11, Women's Soccer

A strong scorer for the Bison, Matlack earned Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year honors in 2009 and 2010, and was a three-time First Team All-Patriot League honoree. Over her career, Matlack netted 32 goals, 14 assists and 78 total points. When Matlack was a Bison, the women's soccer program went 20-7-1 against Patriot League opponents. Also an excellent student, Matlack was the first player in University women's soccer history to earn NSCAA Scholar All-America honors as a junior and senior.

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Rittenhouse: will the jury provide accountability?

WISCONSIN v. KYLE RITTENHOUSE

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"You cannot claim self-defense against a danger you create", the prosecution said during the closing arguments of Kyle Rittenhouse's trial. It has been over a year since the tragic events in Kenosha led to the murder of two and the injury of another at the hands of then 17-year old Rittenhouse. Living 20 miles out of Kenosha in Antioch, Ill., he took matters into his own hands to defend the property of a car dealership with a friend, though there are conflicting reports on whether his assistance was ever requested by the business owners.

With the jury currently undergoing deliberation, this turbulent trial, one where Rittenhouse will be charged as an adult and could face a maximum sentence of life in prison, may soon see its uncertain conclusion. There is a also high likelihood that a young man who committed murder may walk free due to a convincing claim of self-defense, despite the prosecution's efforts to declare his actions as anything but.

Rittenhouse's actions cannot be viewed merely at face value. He was not simply a teenager who brandished a weapon in a turbulent crowd and fired it in a moment that he thought presented no other option. Instead, he went to protect a property that he did not own, in a state he did not live in, wielding a deadly weapon that he was prepared to use and which he subsequently did. This is a course of action incited by firm beliefs in a misguided pursuit of justice, one as ingrained in Rittenhouse as it has been in many others. Kenosha's streets saw dozens more militia members serving as counter protestors, ranging from Boogaloo Bois to biker crews. What also must be discussed alongside his actions is the rhetoric that validated them and led countless to support him.

When people defended Rittenhouse in the months following his arrest, they did not simply emphasize his youth or deem him assuredly regretful of his actions, regret that Rittenhouse clearly wished for the jury to see through each tear streaming down

his cheek and every guttural sob echoing from the pit of his throat. The defenses made for Rittenhouse in the year since he murdered two and injured another was thus: what other option did he have but to take matters into his own hands when chaos unfurled in his country?

Of course, this justification is one that contorts and vilifies the protests that Rittenhouse embroiled himself in as an agitator, overlooking the necessity that they bore after generations of systemic oppression without recourse. It ignores the magnitude of a young white man walking through a crowd with an assault rifle during a particularly turbulent night. He wished to protect a business, Rittenhouse said, despite the owners claiming he was not requested to assist them. He was offering medical assistance to those he found injured and he was indeed pursued in the moments leading up to the shooting. But if he had not been in the state at all (and more importantly did not bear a deadly weapon) he would not have been targeted as he had. Rittenhouse placed himself in a situation that presented a

likelihood of him having to use his gun. Why are we surprised that his presence lead to multiple deaths?

The toxic rhetoric that followed the murders was not dissimilar to what came before it. Throughout the months of last year that saw countless protests across the country, there was an incessant insistence that those on the street marching for Black Lives Matter "are not peaceful protestors; they are violent rioters and looters." The cause of the protests, ones that cry out for accountability to the black lives lost to the police, was ignored in favor of squalling about the destruction of gas stations and Targets. Why should we be shocked that Rittenhouse deemed his presence in Kenosha essential?

Rittenhouse is not the only young man to bear similarly potent and dangerous ideologies, and he was not the only vigilante to flock to Kenosha on that night. But he was the one who took his rifle, travelled from another state in the name of protecting property and subsequently killed two people. The rhetoric has been palatable and convincing for

many, and it may translate to a conclusion wherein Rittenhouse is exonerated. If so, the people he murdered will almost certainly not be granted justice. Even the charge of gun possession, one that, if found guilty, would have led to a maximum sentence of nine months in prison for Rittenhouse, was dismissed over loopholes in the stipulated law and a discussion over the gun barrel's length.

In fact, the entire case against Rittenhouse was already on uncertain standing, not due to a lack of severity in his crimes, but due to the potential bias that had patently seeped into the trial. Judge Schroeder blocked the prosecutors from describing those murdered and injured by Rittenhouse as "victims", stipulating that calling them "rioters" or "arsonists" were more acceptable terms with the proper evidence presented to justify their use. Much of Schroeder's behavior throughout the trial indicated an altogether high likelihood of Rittenhouse's exoneration, confronting the prosecution on numerous occasions. When the prosecutor attempted to re-admit evidence of footage

that allegedly presented Rittenhouse's voice indicating his desire to shoot several nearby shoplifters if he was carrying his weapon, Schroeder vehemently refused.

This sort of inflammatory bias does not rest with the judge, and the beliefs that compelled Rittenhouse to travel across state lines with a deadly weapon are not felt by him alone. It is part of a widespread issue where sympathy and understanding is granted to civilians taking matters into their own hands, so long as they chant for "Blue Lives Matter" and not "Black Lives Matter". Few of those that defended Rittenhouse with such vehemence ever granted that same deference to the peaceful protestors, and that can not be ignored.

It is difficult to be certain on where the jury may lean. For now, the least that can happen is a growing understanding of what sort of vile rhetoric inspired Rittenhouse to take action and how to resist it. He was not the only one to blame for the tragic events that night in Kenosha, but he was the one who pulled the trigger and accountability demands to be had.

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Astroworld and the problem of “Concert culture”

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The Astroworld music festival two weekends ago has left the future of concerts up in the air. According to the New York Times, 10 people have died and over 300 were hospitalized from injuries related to a crowd surge. It still seems up in the air as to what really happened that night, specifically as to why the concert did not stop earlier to limit the amount of people injured. Is there anyone to blame? And what can be done to make sure that this never happens again?

It is easy to blame the crowd for what happened. Their lack of crowd etiquette and neglect for the safety and care of the concert goers around them is one of the most obvious sources of the deaths that arose from the Astroworld disaster. But this is not the first time that a concert has faced fatalities. Though the frequency of this cause of death is rare considering the large number of concerts that run smoothly and safely without injuries or casualties, it still happens, and so it is important to analyze the aspects of concert structure that create a possibility for such a disaster to occur beyond the individual wrongdoings of crowd members. Particularly, the lack of effective communication between producers, Travis Scott, the police and medical

experts during the concert.

There are videos circulating on social media that show Travis Scott continuing the show after seeing an ambulance at the center of the crowd. There are also videos of concert goers climbing onto the stage to try to get the attention of camera-men to stop the show. Insider explained that Travis Scott continued his performance for over 30 minutes after it was declared a mass-casualty event by Houston police. Multiple different entities were made aware of the injuries and deaths in the crowd, yet there was seemingly no communication between them that would lead to stopping the show when the injuries first began. And it was not the lack of officials and medical experts at the show - Houston Police Chief Troy Finner through Insider said that the “police presence [of 530 officials] at the event had more than tripled since the first year Astroworld was held, in 2018.” Effective and constant lines of communication between all entities who are involved in the operation and functioning aspects of the show is integral in order to prevent any future disaster from growing to the extent that it did in Scott’s case.

Seamed into the structure of the concert is the culture surrounding what it means to be a concertgoer. Nabil Ayers’s essay featured in the New York Times en-

capsulates the magic within the concert culture, providing insight into the concert setting from a sociological perspective. “We feel a rush when we push things to the edge, especially when we do so in communion with others. And even if the crowd is rowdy or scary, there’s unity in surviving it, a fellowship in trauma,” Ayers said. I have gotten the opportunity to attend concerts and can attest to this feeling. There is something so special about looking around to all the people around you who are all connected in a common interest of an artist or genre of music. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the desire for this unified experience is strengthened. Over the course of 2020 and into the first half of 2021, people were awaiting the day that they would be able to experience their favorite artists and festivals live again alongside their friends and family and the strangers that Ayers explains they feel a “fellowship” to. But with buying a ticket comes a responsibility to respect the safety and health of the people around you as well as a trust in the people running the festival or concert to have your best interest, along with that of the other concert goers, at heart. These two factors as well as effective communication between organizers are imperative in order to have safe events in the future.

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The booster vaccine, a supplement to the COVID-19 vaccine, is a landmark achievement considering more people today are receiving booster vaccines than first shots. America’s fight against COVID-19 has developed beyond an initial immune defense, and towards a more sophisticated response offering more protection — especially for those who need it. The Pfizer booster, currently in the process of FDA approval, promises “your best layer of protection — your vaccine — back in prime condition,” as said by NPR. Simultaneously preventing the wearing off of your initial vaccine, the booster also promises increased unlikelihood of developing serious effects of COVID-19. Undoubtedly, the booster vaccination holds significant potential not only for those who may be immunocompromised and their loved ones, but also those looking to further the idea of herd immunity. While present day technological advancements and capacities give reason for gratitude for miracles such as this, how we distribute this booster vaccine will highlight our societal values and how we prioritize them. “Follow the science” is a noble-sounding mantra that’s insufficient to account for the complexity of health policy decisions,” Lena S. Wen of The Washington Post said. Be-

yond our capacity to develop such vaccines, humanity deserves distribution that maximizes the number of people needing the booster getting their shot while prioritizing equity and fairness. Without the stress of administering the vaccine to essentially everyone as hastily as possible, such as seen with the administering of the initial COVID-19 vaccines, our booster shot will unveil our societal values with much greater clarity.

The CDC and numerous health officials have announced that there is no longer need for lockdown, yet we still hold a civil duty to prevent future lockdowns as well. Therefore, health officials still must incentivize citizens to get the booster shot. So far, there will be no such thing as a ‘booster vaccine’ mandate even in hospitals. Mandated booster vaccinations will likely be limited to recommendations by doctors prescribed to the immunocompromised. However, there is one other area of need public health officials are concerned about; geographical areas of high COVID-19 infection rates. These geographical areas of need are looking to be especially incentivized to reduce the need for future crisis mitigation. Nonetheless, public officials across both the right and the left are urging the Biden administration to not follow science, but to do what is best for our nation socially and politically. Considering the current context following

the initial COVID-19 vaccines of extreme polarization and large disagreement on how the vaccine was administered, this booster could be a chance to remedy these political factors. The Biden Administration has already claimed that most Americans will need booster vaccines, encouraging those who want the vaccine to get it, while prioritizing those who need it. This booster vaccine is a chance to mend relationships across aisles, while setting a precedent for the final consequential decisions to come (masking policies, vaccination policies, future pandemics heaven forbid etc.) When put it best, commenting “public health hinges on public trust, and its effectiveness depends on winning over hearts and minds.” The administration of these vaccines cannot be decided on only by scientists, but those who can provide a more holistic view of what implications this booster vaccine holds, especially in the context of our nations’ relationships.

Currently, the distribution of these preliminary vaccines across foreign countries is prioritized by the amount of research on the vaccine provided by each country, henceforth limiting accessibility to many - and some being third world- countries. If you are a reader itching to better protect humanity from the life threatening symptoms of COVID-19, I would encourage you to explore what we could do better.

You are not a bad person.

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Contributing Writer

Trigger Warning: this article contains mention and in depth discussion of drug addiction and the stigma surrounding addiction.

Addiction is an incurable disease which results in the brain craving a particular substance or activity. According to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), 20.4 million Americans (aged 12 and older) battled a substance use disorder in 2019. The number of Americans struggling with substance abuse has steadily increased since 2019. Despite a large percentage of the American population struggling with addiction, many people believe that addicts are inherently “bad people” who lack appropriate will-power or

principles. Let that sink in for a moment. Do you agree with this statement? Should someone be labeled a “bad person” because of their disease?

People often are. According to American Addiction Centers, “many people [...] view addiction as a moral failing, something that only bad people suffer from.” This belief reinforces those struggling with addiction to stay silent. To suffer alone. To mask a smile and go about their daily lives even when they don’t recognize the person staring back at them in the mirror.

Those who view addicts as moral failures lack a foundational understanding of what addiction truly is. They often

view addiction as a choice rather than a disease, a view largely unaligned with advancing scientific knowledge of the phenomenon. As detailed by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, addiction feeds our brain’s “reward circuit,” causing euphoria as well as “flooding it with the chemical messenger dopamine.” This is the same part of the brain that tells you that you are hungry and need to eat. Thus, if you are suffering from addiction, your brain berates you with messages to use a substance, like it would to get you to eat if you were hungry. It is a highly possessive illness that inhabits your brain and affects your daily life — both physically and mentally.

So, why do an over-

whelming amount of people believe addiction is deleterious of morals? There is no singular clear answer, but Colleen L. Barry, PhD, MPP, an associate professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health proposes an interesting hypothesis. “With addiction, the feeling that the addict is a bad or weak person, especially because much drug use is illegal,” Barry said. In the face of illegal drug use, we must ask what causes people to reach the extreme of breaking the law in order to get a fix? And that very cause is the disease of addiction.

The stigma surround-

ing drug addiction has had a significant impact on my life. As someone who is currently battling addiction, the beginning of my journey was saturated with fear. I was terrified to come forth and express what I was facing. The stigma and fear of being a “bad person” made me hesitant to accept the fact that I have a problem and need to address my addiction. The stigma burdened me with immense shame over my behavior and prohibited me from reaching out for help for a long time. No one should have to fear judgement and endure horrendous assumptions because of their struggle with substance

abuse. However, people will continue to suffer in silence if we — as a society — do not make proactive changes in how we view addiction.

It has taken me a long time to state the following words aloud: “My name is Morgan, and just because I struggle with addiction, that does not make me a bad person.” So, if you are battling addiction, remember this: you are not a moral failure. Addiction is a hidden story, and there are so many factors that others will not understand. Recovery is a battle, but hold on. Slowly, the battles will get easier.

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Why Everyone is a Swiftie (Taylor’s Version)

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Before Taylor Swift, there was country, pop and a sad, miscellaneous genre of acoustic guitar and piano. When she emerged, Taylor created a new mixed genre that belonged to the heartbroken youths who felt lost.

Our teenage years are remembered by never ending emotions that define everything. Hormones and weird changes inevitably lead to confusion and frustration. When relationships are added to that lovely concoction of emotional turmoil, all hell breaks loose and Taylor Swift is there to sweep up the mess.

Her music became a relatable, emotional outlet that was unlike anything before her time.

In 2012, Swift released “Red” through Big Machine Records. Her manager at the time, Scooter Braun, then sold the rights to her music without her consent. Thus, a decade later, on Nov. 12 Taylor released her “Red” album — calling it “Taylor’s version.” She took back what he stole, and did it her own way.

Swift’s reclamation of her album was extremely on-brand. She is a strong young woman who refuses to be used and manipulated by big executives. Swift makes the same power-move in her music, as she

reclaims all of her past romantic relationships. She learned, and she grew. This “reclaiming” has inspired many young women to alter existing power-dynamics, a reason why Swift has made such a big impact on our generation. Teenagers, specifically young girls, sympathize with the experiences in her music as well as strive for her resilience and power.

Swift has continuously been broken down by the public for sharing details of her dating life. People viewed her as a naïve young girl who was simply too sensitive when describing her relationships. Eventually, she had her breaking point in the late 2010s,

leading to her release of “Reputation”. She felt she needed to make it clear that her career was ever-changing, just like her. She had grown from her high-school debut, but was determined to prove she had not lost that courageous power. In her song, “Look What You Made Me Do,” she acknowledges the impact of the public eye, social media and the rumors that attempted to tear her down.

The last event that has since been labeled her tipping point was when Kanye West interrupted her speech at the VMA’s as she received the award for Best Female Music Video. People speculate that the song was in direct response

to the incident, but her anger and frustration about outside perspectives was felt by everyone. Taylor was singing to the people that walked all over her, that diminished her accomplishments, and she did it for the women that found solace in her words.

Swift’s impact began when she normalized the naïve, innocent mistakes we make as kids and adolescents. At 17, she took those confusing feelings that teenagers feel and created catchy, beautiful music. We felt seen. She understood the cries on the bathroom floor, the mascara on the pillows and the yearning to be the ideal girl. The feelings people told us were

trivial were now hit songs, and everybody had an excuse to sing their hearts out about breakups and jealousy.

There is no denying Swift is a lyrical genius that can mesmerize an audience with only a guitar. She led the way for powerful young women in the music industry. She merged country and pop and was able to capture every ounce of heartbreak and frustration that haunts teenage girls. She gave us hope and broke barriers, no matter who labeled her a drama queen or an immature high-schooler that dated everyone she could. She never batted an eye at those who put her down. She was, and is forever “fearless.”

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Special Features Editor

University's Academic Support Resources:

How the Teaching and Learning Center and Writing Center can help you this finals season

As the semester begins to come to a close, many students find themselves drowning in school work. Between papers, projects, presentations and exams students can quickly grow overwhelmed, unsure where to begin. To ease these anxieties and aid students in their academics the university offers a variety of support systems students can turn to for help with their school work. Two particularly beneficial services offered are the Teaching and Learning Center, TLC, and the Bucknell Writing Center.



Teaching and Learning Center

The Teaching and Learning Center offers a wide range of opportunities students can utilize to assist their studies such as facilitated study groups, peer tutoring, academic skills workshops, professional consultations and printable study aids. One of their more popular resources is the student led study groups. These groups typically range in size from 8-12 people, meeting once a week for 90 minute sessions throughout the duration of the semester. Due to the groups smaller sizes, the TLC facilitator can really help individualize the sessions to best benefit the students. There are study groups offered on the following courses: ACFM 203, ARBC 101, ARBC 103, BIOL 122, BIOL 205, BIOL 207, CHEM 205, CHEM 212, CSCI 203, CSCI 204, ECON 101, ECON 202, ECON 203, ENGR 239, FREN 101, FREN 102, FREN 103, FREN 104, GEOL 203, GRMN 101, ITAL 101, LATN 101, LING 105, MATH 192, MATH 201, MATH 202, MATH 211, MATH 212, MATH 216, MATH 227 and PHYS 211.

Another resource offered by the Teaching and Learning Center is peer tutoring sessions. These peer tutoring sessions are scheduled on a need-based basis for students struggling with biology, physics, mathematics and chemistry courses. These sessions are 45 minutes in length and try to focus on three to four central questions surrounding the subject. The goal of these sessions is to discover what basic conceptual issues the student is having with the material and work towards filling these gaps. TLC also offers individual consultations with Teaching and Learning Center staff professions. In these sessions the staff professional works with the student on learning, research and studying techniques that the student can ultimately utilize for the rest of their University careers or even schooling beyond. The goal behind any of the TLC programs is to eventually have the student outgrow their need for the center.

Furthermore, the TLC has opportunities for staff members to work on their teaching strategies and education methods. They offer weekly presentations, workshops and learning communities for professors. Some other staff opportunities that the TLC provides are: course design & pedagogy workshop, new faculty pedagogy series, Friday learning series, new faculty learning series, Learning communities, curricular workshops, teaching circles, mentoring ecosystem and faculty teaching activities survey: "how we teach."

Drew Filchner '22 has been involved in the TLC as both a student and facilitator during her time at the University. From her experience in the TLC, Drew really recognizes the importance of having such a resource. "The TLC is a great resource for students to not only increase their content knowledge, but to learn new study tips and tricks. As someone who has participated in TLC services as both a client and staff member, I see the value in building an academically supportive community for the study body. The TLC strives to support student learning above all, and personally, I view the center as an integral part of my learning experience at Bucknell," Drew said.

More information about the University's TLC programs can be found on their website page: Teaching & Learning Center (bucknell.edu).

Writing Center

Another on campus resource the University offers is the Writing Center! The Writing Center is located in the Carnegie Library and Bertrand Library. It is a free resource where students can bring any type of writing piece at any stage in the writing process and work on said piece with either a peer writing consultant or professional staff members. The Writing Center is open Monday through Friday as well as some weekend hours. Students can make appointments either via phone Monday-Friday from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Students can also make appointments through the online platform of TutorTrac which can be accessed through the Writing Center's page. Prior to working for the Writing Center, students must complete the course UNIV 239. This course centers around the writing process as well as how to work with writers in a collaborative setting.

"The conversations with peer writing consultants we have had examine writing successes and what it means to be successful in writing. Furthermore, following the completion of the course the peers continue the conversation through their weekly training sessions. These meetings provide opportunities for the peer writing consultants to learn from one another," Writing & Teaching Consultant Megan Mulligan said. Mulligan also mentioned how helpful these conversations about writing can be to starting a paper. "Many students forget that the Writing Center can also be used to brainstorm ideas and get started on papers. Sometimes when students are stuck, talking to someone about it helps shed light on the more general writing process which can then help the writer next time you need to get started on a paper," Mulligan said.

More information about the Writing Center can be found on their online page, available in the "Beyond the Classroom" section of Bucknell's official website.

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"THE FRENCH DISPATCH": WES ANDERSON'S QUESTIONABLE ODE TO JOURNALISM

Jaxon White
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Student a cappella group, Beyond Unison, performed during the opening act for "The Christmas Spectacular Starring the Radio City Rockettes" in New York City's Radio City Music Hall at the 5 p.m. show on Nov. 20.

"What I enjoyed the most was sharing the stage with my closest friends and getting warm welcomes from our families after,"

Kelly Karpovich '23 said, president of Beyond Unison. "The group has not done anything like this before, it was certainly the most well-known stage we will ever perform on."

The vocal group sang during the "Sounds of Christmas" segment of the show. Karpovich said that the group enjoyed the experience of singing on such a large stage.

Student leaders of Beyond Unison are credited

for negotiating the opportunity for the five-minute performance through a lengthy conversation with a representative from the venue that had been going on since July.

"A representative of Radio City Music Hall reached out to ask if this performance would be something we are interested in," Tom McKillop '23 said, conductor and music director of Beyond Unison. "We sent a recent video of the

group singing at their request. Once they approved, Kelly Karpovich and I had a zoom meeting to choose a date and time."

From those discussions, Karpovich said they learned that the group needed to sell at least 50 tickets to keep their spot for the performance. She said that at the performance, most of the spots in the 6,000-seat venue were filled.

The size of the venue brought some problems

though, according to Karpovich and McKillop.

"What's interesting is they gave us a little room before the show which had the best acoustics I've ever heard in my life. So, we sounded amazing as we were practicing. And then we got on the stage, the sound was empty, and it was like all of the sound disappeared. So, when you're singing with the group, you

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The Giving Tree encourages giving back for the holiday season

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Staff Writer

The University's annual Giving Tree project has returned to campus, allowing students and staff to purchase gifts for local families in need. This year the project was facilitated by the Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD) honor society.

"The Giving Tree Project is an opportunity to participate in giving back to the local Union County community and helping those in need during this holiday season,"

The purpose of this project is to provide several local agencies with needed gifts, such as toys, clothing, and more." ALD Community Service Chairs Peyton Yater '24 and Sydney Santo '24, as well as ALD President Paul Danenberg '23 said.

This year, a total of 15 organizations participated and requested over 250 gifts. The organizations included senior living centers, daycare facilities and an adoption agency.

The complete list includes: Buffalo Valley Lutheran, Rolling Hills Manor, Riverwoods, Danville State Hospital, Celebration Villa of Lewisburg, Milton Development Services, Inc., Essex Place, Haven Ministry, Inc., Milton YMCA Daycare, Children's Choice, GSV YMCA, CMSU, Union County Children and Youth, and CONCERN.

"I participated mostly because I wanted to give back to the Lewisburg

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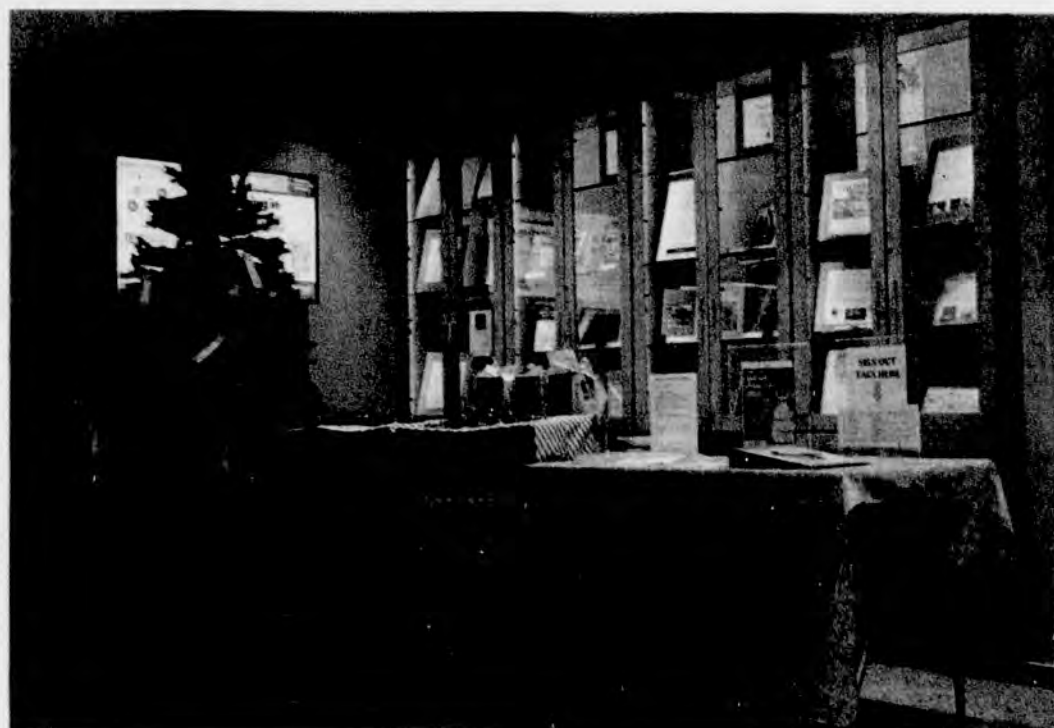


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Should I get a COVID-19 booster: what to know

Nick DeMarchis
Print Managing Co-Editor

Booster vaccines are now available at multiple locations near the University - but how should you know whether to get "boosted"?

So far, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, 46 percent of Union County individuals are fully vaccinated; about 30 percent of those individuals have received a booster. The fully-vaccinated figure lags substantially behind the national vaccination rate of 59 percent, despite a lower booster rate of about 20 percent.

"The benefit to getting the booster shot is an even higher level of protection from getting infected, from spreading that infection, and from serious illness," Professor of Biology Ken Field, an expert on immunology and cell biology from the biology department, noted in an email to The Bucknellian.

For young people, Field emphasized that a booster "increases the protection from getting 'long COVID'," a set of sequelae and chronic symptoms that "can last for months after infection."

With the University requiring vaccinations for all students for the fall 2021 semester - barring religious and medical exemptions - so far 97 percent of the student body and 86 percent of faculty and staff report "full

vaccination," according to the University's COVID-19 Dashboard on Dec. 1.

COVID-19 booster vaccines were approved by the FDA for fully-vaccinated adults in mid-November, and are currently produced by the pharmaceutical companies Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (J&J). Multiple countries have also approved booster administration, including Canada, Brazil, the UK and EU, as well as Israel and South Korea.

While many report feelings of exhaustion and other mild symptoms after receiving a vaccine, Field said "the risk when getting booster shots is extremely low and that the symptoms associated with it are usually lower," than initial full vaccination.

Dean of Students Amy Badal emphasized in a November 29 email to students, "we strongly encourage all students to receive a booster shot."

Individuals are currently eligible to receive boosters, she noted, if they "completed the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine series at least six months ago [June 3rd as of printing], or received a dose of the J&J vaccine at least two months ago [October 3rd]."

"If anyone got J&J as their first dose (like me), I

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BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.

Brief by Jaxon White
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INTERNATIONAL

In a ceremony on Monday evening, Barbados officially removed Queen Elizabeth II as its head of state and inaugurated its first President. Sandra Mason—the 73-year-old former representative for the Queen—was inaugurated 55 days after Barbados declared its independence from Britain. Prince Charles attended the ceremony to show the crown's support, but CNN reported heavy opposition from Barbados activists due to the island's slavery-ridden past relationship with the crown.

The Guardian reported on Wednesday that the European Union has announced a plan to invest €300 billion into global infrastructure. The European Commission president, Ursula von der Leyen, promised that the initiative will be better than China's belt and road initiative. The plan, as von der Leyen told The Guardian, is to offer an alternative from China's project for countries to invest in.

DOMESTIC

According to the Los Angeles Times, the first case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 has reached the United States. A California resident said she was going back home to San Francisco after being in South Africa. The Los Angeles Times reported that the individual was fully vaccinated and only experienced mild symptoms. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said that all close contacts have tested negative so far.

NPR reported that Ethan Crumbley, a 15-year-old boy, was charged with murder, terrorism and other counts for the shooting at Michigan's Oxford High School that killed four fellow students. The prosecutor, Karen McDonald, told NPR that she is "confident" that they can prove that the crime was premeditated.

SHOULD I GET A COVID-19 BOOSTER:
WHAT TO KNOW

recommend crossing over and getting Pfizer or Moderna as your booster," Field added.

The American Medical Association reports on ongoing clinical trials regarding COVID-19 immunity and vaccines. A recent report indicates that "the two mRNA [Pfizer and Moderna] vaccines seemed to do a better job of boosting than the J&J shot, triggering stronger antibody responses."

The report added that "[a]ll boosters worked well in neutralizing Delta and Beta variants."

Theresa Dollar '22 received her booster last month. "It felt almost like a civic duty" to receive the booster vaccine, she explained, which was "the same reason I got vaccinated in the first place."

In a lecture in Trout Auditorium last month, Nicholas Christakis, a Yale sociologist who researches social networks and biosocial science, spoke briefly on booster vaccines for COVID-19.

"We are likely to be getting boosters into the foreseeable future," he said, and "periodically we'll need boosters, perhaps for new variants."

The lecture primarily focused on the social effects of pandemic-related decision-making and was delivered shortly before the B1.1.529 "Omicron" variant was designated a "variant of concern" by the World

Health Organization.

The Omicron variant contains more than 30 spike protein mutations, which could potentially affect the disease's transmissibility or vaccines' protective efficacy.

While Field noted that the scientific community does not "know yet whether Omicron is more transmissible than Delta or if it evades the vaccines better," he emphasized that "having stronger immunity is better than weaker immunity, and a booster will help with that."

"If we find that Omicron (or the next variant of concern) does evade the vaccine," he offered, "then we are in a position to have another round of boosters available — there is no need to wait to find out."

University Business reports that even though over "1,000 colleges and universities that have vaccine requirements in place... none currently have mandates for booster shots." Though "strongly encourag[ing]" students to receive their booster, University administration here has imposed no mandate for students to acquire the additional shot.

According to the Chronicle for Higher Education, all nonmilitary Patriot League schools — except for the University — require full COVID-19 vaccinations for both employees and students, with exemptions for religious and medical reasons.

"As of this time Bucknell has no plans to adjust the current vaccination strategy," explained Director of Communications Mike Ferlazzo, "but we continue to monitor the recommendations of the CDC which has been the primary resource for policy decisions to date."

The University's COVID-19 FAQ page offers a similar message: "Because University employees do not live in congregate settings like students and their risk of transmission is lower, Bucknell does not currently require faculty and staff to be vaccinated."

"However," it concedes, "this policy remains under discussion. We strongly encourage faculty and staff to get the vaccine, and many have taken advantage of increased local vaccine availability this spring."

Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove also does not require employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

"As we prepare for the spring term, we will keep you updated on any changes to campus protocols for COVID-19. Pandemic conditions continue to fluctuate, so please be sure to check your email and stay alert for announcements in the weeks ahead," Badal said.

From fall 2020 until now, the University has reported 623 positive on-campus student COVID-19 tests. Over 80% of those positive stu-

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dent tests were returned during the Spring 2021 semester, when recurrent severe campus outbreaks forced the University to limit campus operations and temporarily impose remote learning modality for all classes. Considering the graduating class of 2021, as many as 13 percent of students enrolled during the pandemic may have had COVID-19 at some point.

Field described the "natural immunity" acquired from contracting the virus to be "quite short-lived (on the order of a few weeks)."

"Anyone who has had COVID should definitely get vaccinated (and boosted) as soon as they are eligible because 'hybrid immunity' from getting infected and then getting vaccinated is super-effective," he said.

Regarding vaccine-hesitant individuals, Field said, "If you know anyone who hasn't gotten that first dose yet, try to understand why they are still reluctant and see if you can help them understand how safe and important it is."

"After getting everyone you know to start the vaccine series it is important to finish it."

"We are so lucky to have these vaccines available and we should take advantage of them to help us all get this pandemic under control," Field concluded.

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FOR THE 'ROCKETTES'

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can't hear a single thing that's happening other than yourself and the person next to you," McKillop said.

Karpovich agreed that the room was much larger than they were accustomed to, but that won't stop the group from going back.

"I think it is very possible for the group to do this event again in the future, provided that the members would like to," Karpovich said.

McKillop also hopes to perform in new venues.

"I would love for the group to continue to travel and perform in places other than Bucknell. It really is an opportunity that most of us will never get post college," McKillop said.

Members of Beyond Unison were just as excited about the performance as

the organizers were.

"It was a really special experience, it's something I'll treasure for the rest of my life," Nabeel Jan '23 said. "Being able to tell people I've performed on such an iconic stage is something I'm really happy to be able to say."

Next semester Beyond Unison is slated to hold their Spring Concert. They will also perform their annual Singing Valentines on Valentine's Day. Students or faculty can pay the group \$5 to sing live, or send a recording, to anyone on campus, McKillop said.

"[Performing in New York] was certainly a stressful but rewarding experience," he said.

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community. As a sophomore I haven't had a lot of chances to interact with the people of Lewisburg and the surrounding area because of COVID, and this seemed like a great opportunity to help the community!" Shannon Granelli '24 said.

With the project starting Nov. 2, students and staff could participate by picking up a tag on the tree in the Bertrand Library Lobby, purchasing a gift of their choice for the person and the desired item listed on the tag and dropping it off at the gift boxes next to the tree by Dec. 1.

"The tag I picked out asked for a Walmart gift card, so after classes one day I went over and purchased one. I also got a cute little card for it. It was a really straightforward process, and it was fantastic that I was able to help out someone for the holidays through less than 30 minutes of my time" Granelli said.

The Giving Tree Project has been an annual University holiday tradition for over 15 years, except for last year as a result of the pandemic. Although it was previously organized by the Office of Civic Engagement, this year ALD decided to take over.

"ALD thought it would be a great idea to start the program back up again this year. The Office of Civic Engagement helped us through the process and provided

us with guidance and support. Lynn Pierson [the Associate Director of the Office of Civic Engagement] explained to us how the Giving Tree Project was previously organized," Yater, Santo and Danenberg said.

After meeting with Pierson, the organizing team contacted agencies and organized logistics, including location, materials and marketing.

"We also had to come up with a marketing plan to ensure everyone on campus was aware of this project. We marketed this project by sending out a faculty wide email, displaying it on the message center, and sending out an email to previous participants. We also sent out an email to all first-year students," Yater, Santo and Danenberg said. They also incentivized participation for ALD members, who could earn a point for donating.

Yater, Santon and Danenberg hope that "students can learn the importance of giving back to the surrounding community" from participating in the Giving Tree project.

"The people of Lewisburg (and the surrounding area) are kind enough to share this community with us for about nine months out of the year. The least we can do is give back, and potentially make an impact for someone who could really use it," Granelli said.

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Professor Sulai, students receive funding for dark matter research

Jaxon White
News Section Co-Editor

University professor Ibrahim Sulai of the physics & astronomy department, along with some of his undergraduate research students, will take part in research to help explain the nature of dark matter as part of a National Science Foundation Award.

The award, totaling \$245,750 over the course of three years, will support three undergraduate higher education institutions: the University, Oberlin College and California State University, East Bay. These universities will collaborate with the Global Network of Opti-

cal Magnetometers to search for Exotic physics (GNOME), a group of 15 institutions that have created technologies able to detect or constrain the parameters of particular versions of dark matter, to look for hypothetical particles called ultralight bosons. These particles are believed to possibly cause dark matter.

Professor Sulai said that most of the scientific community believes in the existence of dark matter—a hypothetical form of matter that is believed to account for roughly 85 percent of the universe's matter.

"We know it's there,

but we don't know its particle nature. That's what we're seeking to illuminate through this project," Sulai said.

Researchers working on the project will work with undergraduate students to create technologies that will be more sensitive in finding ultralight bosonic dark matter.

"In his Bucknell lab, Sulai and a multidisciplinary group of undergraduate students are building highly sensitive atomic magnetometers that sense magnetic fields with very high precision. They hope to build instruments sensitive enough to record

atomic fluctuations and contribute to the network's growing scientific dataset," director of Media Relations Mike Ferlazzo said.

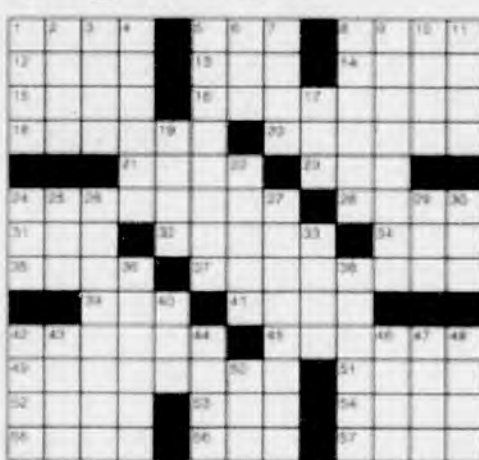
Sulai said that their innovation will be the "next generation" of this type of technology.

"Colleagues and I in our collaboration all have magnetometers in our labs. If I alone see a fluctuation in the magnetic field signal at Lewisburg, I cannot interpret it as a measurement of ultralight bosons, as it is likely due to some local perturbation, such as an elevator going up and down," Sulai said.

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Environmental club sustains presence at University

Juliette Gaggini
News Section Co-Editor

The University has many clubs on campus where students can get involved in the things they are interested in and are passionate about. As concerns continue to rise globally in regards to climate change, students everywhere are getting more engaged in environmental issues and are doing what they can to make a difference within their communities.

One great way students can get involved with environmental issues at the University is through the Environmental Club, which is a student-run club on campus that hosts events and leads initiatives that contribute to keeping the community environmentally conscious and clean.

The Environmental Club began years ago and is now led by Co-Presidents Sarah Frischmann '23 and Brennan Smith '24. "Environmental Club looks to provide a safe, welcoming atmosphere where students feel empowered and comfortable expressing their ideas and taking action in protecting the environment.

"We aim to be inclusive and intersectional when discussing sustainability and climate change topics," said Frischmann. "By learning more about the environment and best practices

to fight climate change, we hope students and the community feel inspired to make sustainable changes that positively contribute to a healthier lifestyle and cleaner planet. Our events focus on these principles by providing an activity, service, discussion, or educational program that promotes a greener future."

This past semester, the club hosted an array of events. On November 7th from 4:30-6pm the club held a golf ball clean up at the University golf course, where they joined forces with another club and a few sports teams.

The Environmental Club also hosted a birdhouse event on November 17 at the 7th Street Makerspace where members painted compartmental birdhouses. This Spring, the club will hang the birdhouse up at the Bucknell Farm. When asked about her favorite event so far, Frischmann said, "My favorite event has been the birdhouse painting because as an artist, I love to express my creativity through drawing and painting. I thought of having each little bird compartment having its own type of garden flower. It was so fun to see different people come together to create beautiful artwork that could be used in the University community."

On November 29th

from 5:30-7pm at the Commons, the club hosted its membership dinner. The club is hosting an upcoming clothing swap event this Sunday, December 5th from 5-7 in the Walls Lounge. "Everyone is encouraged to bring unwanted clothes and swap them for new clothing (especially dresses). This event is being held to reduce clothing waste by cycling as many clothes as possible and donating any extra to local charities," said Frischmann.

The club's Social Media Manager, Bella Anguillo '23, was passionate about the impact the club has on campus. "We really want to spread awareness about what we do as a club and the environmental impacts that we as individuals and us as a school have and work as a group to bring attention to that and do the best we can to fix those problems as a school," said Anguillo.

Members of the club are optimistic about overall sustainability on campus. "The University does a good job of listening to students and making sure that their ideas are heard in terms of sustainability projects. There are lots of resources on campus to get involved with sustainability at the University, but I do believe there are always ways we can improve on sustainability," said Frischmann.

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Student enrolls in localized Squid Game competition for campus dollars payout

Maximus Bean
Senior Writer

If you're a student like me, you have an issue with food insecurity on campus. It's not about food insecurity, we're just insecure about food. I like food, it's good for the soul. That's why when my meal swipes for the semester ran out around halfway through, I knew life was about to get a lot more difficult. That's why when somebody offered me a strange card and the opportunity for loads of cash, I said "Yes!" I plan to pay off my college loan and use the rest to afford a single Big Mac.

After a surprisingly tense game of Duck, Duck, Goose, I chose to go home with many others...but after facing my own in-

ability to cook (and craving those delicious cheesesteaks the kitchen staff serve), I decided it was worth it to go back in. In unrelated news, the key to beating nuclear hopscotch is avoiding the radioactive spots. Who knew?!

Naturally, my star shone during hide and seek, where my small frame fit in nicely between all the hot pipes and swinging buzz-saws in the basement of Roberts. Not only that, but my yells for help were masked by the steam pipes leaking steam, so I won that game by default.

Thumb wrestling wasn't so bad. The hardest part of it was trying to play with a crowd watching...and the poison needle in the center

if we lost. The only reason I won was because I never wiped my hands after eating those French fries I found in the trash bin. The grease wouldn't let me get pinned down!

So if your roommate didn't show up for spring semester (mine didn't... Rest in Peace Joe), maybe you should feel thankful that there's a solution for a concern that has been going on as far back as people have been complaining about it. Food insecurity may not be going away anytime soon, but at least the administration has enough of a backbone to deal with the problem in a way that is "fair" to everyone. Either way, their food insecurity issues will go away!

First-year student realizes parents not cool with binge drinking at home

Liz Whitmer
Satire Co-Editor

After a sneak preview of the month-long break that is soon to ensue, Alan Coholic '25 went through a major culture shock upon returning home for Thanksgiving break.

In an attempt to create a nice surprise for the entire family, Alan set up Super Saturday in true University fashion. He even went the extra mile to make a homemade banner, splurge on Solo cups and set up a rented tent. As the rest of the house was filled with cousins, aunts and uncles playing games and prematurely decorating

for the holidays, Alan was in the backyard doing keg stands and playing die with his estranged uncle before lunch was served. Unfortunately, his efforts toward family bonding were deemed "highly troubling" and "reasonable cause to put him into therapy" by his paternal grandmother, leaving the beauty of the entire day drinking experience lost upon his family.

Upon additional discussion by the family in the midst of crushed plastic cups and discarded Flairs littering the pristinely kept back yard, the entirety of Alan's relatives realized he engages in this type of behavior on a weekly ba-

sis. Despite the explanation that he "can stop whenever [he] want[s]," his parents decided it would probably be best if, moving forward, he refrained from doing a solo case race at family functions, at least until he is of legal drinking age.

Consequently, Alan has made the executive decision to stay on campus in between semesters to escape the ludicrous and harsh ground rules his parents have set to prohibit underage drinking and his having a good time. He is open to reconsidering his decision under the conditions that his parents will reevaluate their new rules or cease funding his tuition.

Ten reasons why you shouldn't hang out with people who are still active members of high school friend groups

AJ Lawrence
Senior Writer

For most students, their favorite part of going home for breaks is seeing high school friends they had to leave behind. Seeing family and having actual good food can be nice, but meeting up with those friends that saw all of your highs and lows from your early teen years can be even better.

But, have you ever seen those larger groups, the ones with more than five people but always are an odd number? Groups that look like they get along really well but there's always something disjointed about them?

Those groups you should watch out for, but not because they're bad people or anything. It's that they were all high school friends that grew apart in college where they made new friends, but now at

home they only have those old friends that they don't really like anymore to hang out with. So, the most obvious thing to those groups is to find increasingly crazy things to do with their time in hopes of it feeling like high school again. So here are some reasons why, for your own sanity and sometimes safety, you shouldn't hang out with those groups.

1. They could be doing something illegal. Nothing drastic, probably just trespassing at most

2. They'll most likely go partying or clubbing, wanting to avoid conversations getting awkward. But, they'll probably silently judge each other's drinking habits, creating a less than stellar atmosphere.

3. Cult stuff.

4. They'll all actually just go on their phones the whole time and not actively

do anything.

5. These groups are very likely to visit their old high schools, probably searching for whatever glory or recognition they had held.

6. They could be starting a study group or a book club, beneficial, but a boring and weird option for a break.

7. They're gonna go work out together, do a big run or something. Bonus points if they did the Turkey Trot over Thanksgiving break.

8. They're planning to take an extremely large and unplanned road trip that you know won't go well.

9. They'll meet up for photos and not talk the rest of the week.

10. They won't actually hang out at all, only discussing making plans but never actually making any.

Student extends formal invitation for University President to attend Christmas Eve dinner at their house

Bridgette Simpson
Satire Co-Editor

The University is abuzz with activity after a student invited the University President to a Christmas Eve dinner at their house an hour away. It is rumored that the invitation was handwritten in perfect script with liquid gold ink and had a hand-stamped wax label to seal the confidential information.

The rumors were silenced today as the University President came out onto his front lawn, which closely resembled JFK Airport when the Beatles came to America, due to all of the jealous students clamoring for him to come to their houses and addressed the public on this matter.

"The rumors are true;

I will be attending a student's Christmas Eve dinner by private jet on December 24," he shared over the screams of hundreds of crying students. All of the Environmental Science majors were surprisingly silent about his choice to fly on a private jet despite the student's house being only an hour away; I believe they were too overcome with jealousy to realize.

Classes were canceled the following day to allow for grieving. The Counseling Center was overscheduled and taken aback.

"It's weird, they all seem like fake fans to me. All they do is complain about his choices on YikYak and bash him and

say he's the worst, but suddenly everyone loves him and wants him to come to their house? I am wondering if there is a hidden ulterior motive," Hippa Cryste '22 said.

It is likely that the University President caught wind of this because he released a statement the next day saying that upon further consideration, it would be completely unfair to have him attend only one student's house for Christmas Eve dinner. To combat the unfairness, he would have a Christmas dinner on the quad the day before finals begin.

The RSVP sheet is blank so far except for someone named "Jan Braveman," whoever that is.

What to get your insufferable roommate for Christmas gift exchange

Siobhan Nerz
Contributing Writer

As the holiday season approaches, many students are tasked with selecting the perfect gifts for family and friends. While it is challenging to find a present for loved ones, it is arguably harder to buy a gift for your insufferable college roommate. Therefore, for all of you who inconveniently pulled your roommate's name for the dorm gift exchange, I will give you some suggestions of things to buy your roommate.

Headphones

Does your roommate take loud phone calls in the room when you are studying for the upcoming organic chemistry final? Do they scream/cry as they play Taylor's Version of "All Too Well (10 Minute Version)" (Taylor's Version)" whenever they have a minor inconvenience in life? If so, you may want to buy headphones to give

your loud living companion a passive-aggressive noise complaint. If your roommate cannot take the hint, I suggest you buy yourself noise-canceling headphones to block out your roaring roomie.

Personalized art

Are you into handmade gifts? For all you crafty folk, I recommend that you utilize things in your dorm to make a cheap and creative piece of art. First, you collect your roommate's hair that has piled up in the shower drain. Then, you can shape this malleable material to create an abstract image. You can also personalize the gift by writing the words "slob" or "haircut needed." When finished, display your work on the shower wall to be found by your lucky roommate.

Whale Muffling Technology

Although you may

have enjoyed seeing the whales during your family's recent trip to Massachusetts, you don't need to hear their majestic wails from the mouth of your roommate every night. To quiet your mouthy mammal, you can give them nasal strips to open their airways and silence their snoring. Maybe then, you can stop having nightmares about belugas.

Dream Wedding Scrapbook

Does your roommate bring their significant other or romantic flings back to the room spontaneously? Well, by giving them a book of flower arrangements and color charts, you can ward off your roommate's potential love interests. This gift may not assure you the position of bridesmaid or groomsman, but it will prevent very awkward morning small talk.

The freshman year Thanksgiving break up phenomenon

Sarah Petnuch
Senior Writer

The summer before college is a tough time for many reasons. You're nervous about leaving home, making friends, college classes, etc. But the biggest issue at hand is what to do about your high school relationship. Try an open relationship? Or long-distance? Or maybe just let it crash and burn? Most times couples opt for long-distance. And then you're dealing with the nightly facetime calls, the biweekly visits and the all-day-every-day texting. All is going well until about late October. One person forgets to text the other back, communication falls apart, effort decreases and before you know it you're crying on the floor next to your dog. As tough as it is, nearly every freshman goes through it, and trust me, you're better off this

way. And here's why. Before you know it you're back at school. And interestingly enough, your ability to focus in class gets better, and your grades get higher. Probably because you're actually able to pay attention since you're not texting heart emojis and "I love you babe!" throughout the entire 50-minute lecture. Now that you're not on facetime 25 hours 8 days a week you've been able to grow closer to your friends. You've started going out more, meeting more people and having more fun than you ever did hanging out in your ex's basement. And just like that, you forget that that high school relationship even existed. Congrats on your newfound freedom, freshmen!

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EDITORS YOU MAY KNOW



**GRIFFIN
PERRAULT '22**
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Griffin joined the Bucknellian his freshman year as a writer for the opinions section, eventually becoming an opinions editor, and then spent three semesters acting as print managing editor for the paper. This semester was Perrault's first as editor-in-chief. Other than the student paper, Perrault is president of the Bucknell University Democratic Socialists (BUDS) and Vice President of the University's Mock Trial team.



**JACOB
FEUERSTEIN '22**
PRINT MANAGING CO-EDITOR

Jacob joined the paper in his first semester at Bucknell and wrote a number of articles. Joining the paper as an opinions editor, Jacob then spent four semesters in this role. This past semester he contributed to the paper as one of two print managing co-editors. On campus Jacob is also involved in OEL and SpeakUp.



**NICK
DEMARCHIS '22**
PRINT MANAGING CO-EDITOR

Nick has previously written for News and Satire, in addition to his contributions as an opinions co-editor. Nick hopes to continue in his role helping writers hone their voice, as well as guiding the vision for the University's editorially independent student publication. Other than the Bucknellian, Nick is also involved in the student calling program, and the 'Ray Schedule' course scheduling website.



NICOLE YEAGER '22
PRINT PRESENTATION CO-DIRECTOR

Nicole first joined the Bucknellian during her sophomore year as a news and special features writer. Since then, she has edited for both sections, and is now working as news layout editor for her last year. Bucknellian has been an important part of her life at Bucknell, and she is grateful for having had the opportunity to provide relevant content to the community while getting to know all the amazing members of the team as well as the opportunity to get more involved with campus events and activities through a journalistic lens. On campus, she is also the founder and president of the Creative Writing Club as well as the Editor-in-Chief of the "Confetti Head" literary magazine, a peer writing consultant at the Writing Center, and the VP of Communications for Delta Gamma.



LIZ LAGERBACK '22
PRINT PRESENTATION CO-DIRECTOR

Liz is a senior majoring in Psychology and English. She joined The Bucknellian in 2019, and has contributed to both the news and satire sections as a writer. She has edited layout for nearly every section, and currently serves as the sports layout editor and print presentation co-director. Outside of the Bucknellian, Liz writes for the publication HerCampus, is a member of Greek life, and is in the Philosophy Club.



JAX WHITE '23
NEWS CONTENT CO-EDITOR

Starting as an opinions writer during his freshman year, Jax moved on to become the opinions section editor during his first semester sophomore year. Jax spent his second semester as the news section co-editor. On campus, Jax is also a captain for the Varsity Men's Track and Field Team, a Residential Advisor for Bucknell West and a Student-Leader at the TechDesk.



JULIETTE GAGGINI '24
NEWS CONTENT CO-EDITOR

Juliette is a sophomore at Bucknell and it is her second year working for The Bucknellian. She is a co-swain on the Women's Rowing team and is a French TA this Fall semester. This is her second semester as news co-editor.



SAL IOVINO '24
OPINIONS CONTENT CO-EDITOR

Sal is a sophomore Economics major at Bucknell minoring in Spanish and Literary Studies, and in his second year of writing for the Bucknellian as opinions section co-editor. He has enjoyed the past two years greatly writing in the opinions section and hopes to grow the section in the year to come.



HALEY BEARDSLEY '24
OPINIONS CONTENT CO-EDITOR

Haley joined the Bucknellian her first semester at Bucknell writing for news. She then became more involved in the club during this past semester as opinions co-editor. On campus she is involved in rowing, SpeakUp and the Humanities residential college.



JUSTIN SCHAUMBERGER '22
SPORTS CONTENT CO-EDITOR

Justin joined the Bucknellian as a sports section writer during the Fall 2018. Justin spent the last semester working as the co-editor for the sports section with Holly Burns. The Bucknellian has been a great way to combine his interest in writing and sports.



HOLLY BURNS '22
SPORTS CONTENT CO-EDITOR

Holly joined the Bucknellian during Fall 2019 as a writer for the sports section, focusing on several different sports as well as the Athlete of the Week feature. She co-edited the sports section with Justin Schaumberger. Being a member of the Varsity Women's Soccer team, she is passionate about everything related to sports!



LIZ WHITMER '23
SATIRE CONTENT CO-EDITOR

Liz is a Political Science major and Philosophy minor from Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, and has been with the Bucknellian since the first semester of her freshman year. Along with asking people if they think her satire articles are funny, Liz is also the Director of Inclusion for Alpha Delta Pi, Vice President of College Democrats, Social Media Coordinator for HerCampus, a mentor for first year students in the College of Arts and Sciences, and a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.



BRIDGETTE SIMPSON '24
SATIRE CONTENT CO-EDITOR

Bridgette has written satire for the Bucknellian since freshman year, and has been co-editor since her first semester sophomore year. She also writes for HerCampus and is a member of Chi Omega.



**BEL
CARDEN '22**
SPECIAL FEATURES EDITOR

Bel is a senior finance major and creative writing minor. On campus she is involved in Greek life, HerCampus, the Writing Center - and, of course, the Bucknellian! She started writing for the Bucknellian her first semester on campus in the news and special features sections.



**RILEY
DEBAECKE '23**
PHOTOGRAPHY CO-EDITOR

Riley joined The Bucknellian in my first semester at Bucknell as a photographer, and had since served as photography co-editor and assistant photography co-editor. This school year, Riley also served as the publishing intern for the Bucknell University Press, and is involved in several sustainability initiatives on campus.



**MADDIE
HAMILTON '23**
PHOTOGRAPHY CO-EDITOR

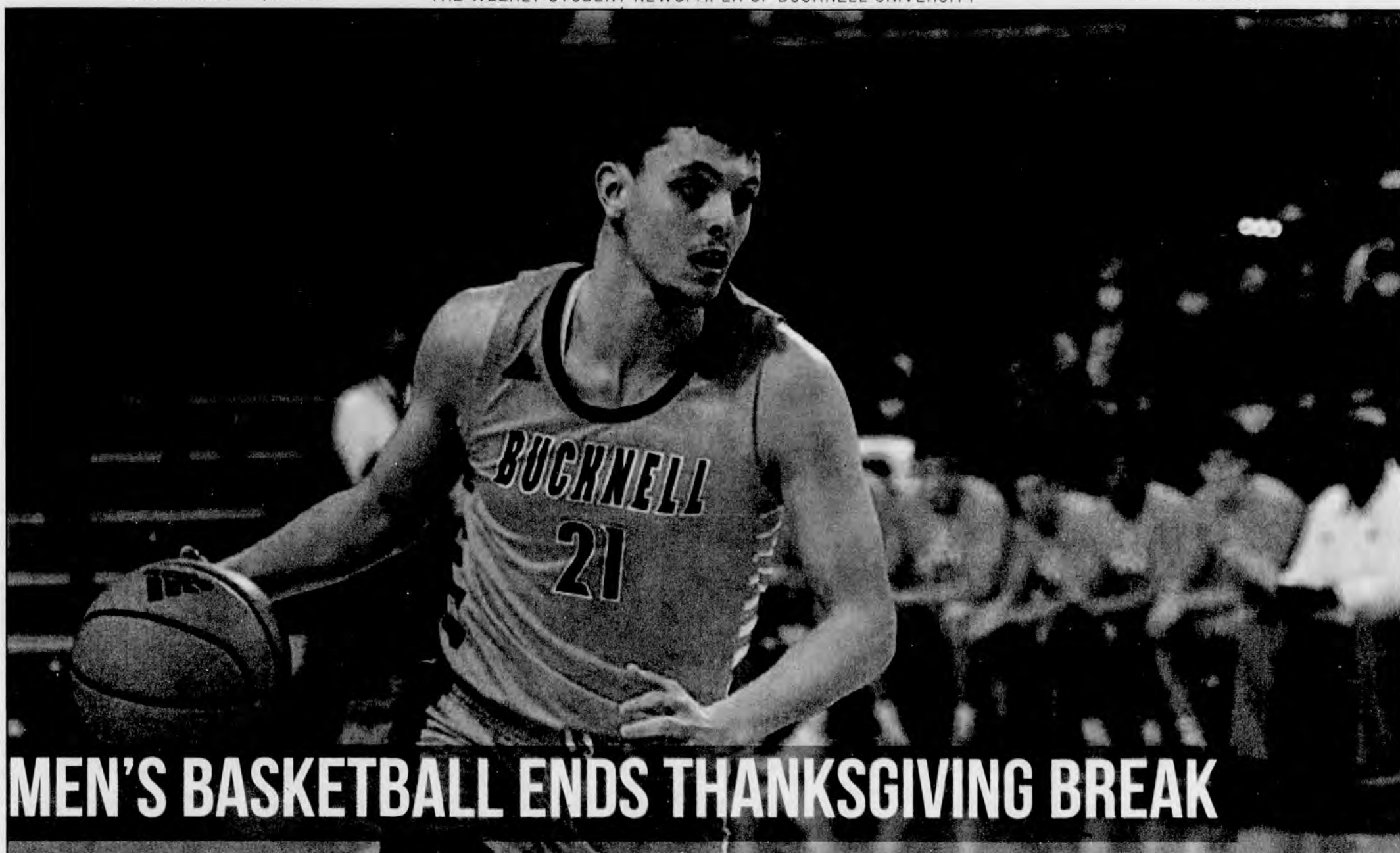
Maddie is a junior from just outside Boston who enjoys taking her camera with her everywhere she goes. In addition to being the photography editor she also is a tour guide for Bucknell admissions and a pre-med student. In the past few years Maddie has been a contributing photographer for the Bucknellian and in the last two semesters has been a photography editor.

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VS ST. FRANCIS 12/1 AT 6PM

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
VS PENN 12/3 AT 6PM

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VS MICHIGAN STATE 12/3 AT 7PM

Brooke Tracey
Contributing Writer

The Bison Men's Basketball team faced a series of tough matches since University students departed campus for Thanksgiving break. To kick off the first of five matches, the Bison earned their first win of the season in Sojka Pavilion against Rider on Wednesday, Nov. 17. Fresh off of this victory, the Orange and Blue traveled to the Cancun Chal-

lenge from Nov. 20-24, where they faced Illinois State and Mercer, along with a rematch against Rider. To conclude the break, the Bison returned to Sojka Pavilion on Sunday, Nov. 28 to earn an overtime victory against Siena.

In the Bisons' first match-up against Rider at Sojka, the Orange and Blue exerted a full team effort, edging past the Broncos 81-74. The major-

ity of points scored by the Bison came from three players: Xander Rice '23 (23 points), Andre Screen '24 (20 points), and Malachi Rhodes '23 (11 points). After conceding their 15-point first-half lead, the Bison remained resilient and fought their way back on top. A key defensive performance by Rhodes in the last 16 minutes of the game greatly helped lead the Bison to victory.

After their home win, the Orange and Blue packed their bags up and headed west to compete in the Cancun Challenge. They first faced Illinois State on Nov. 20 in a heated, high-scoring game. While Andrew Funk '22 scored a career-high of 38 points, the Bison could not quite pull through in overtime, losing by a close margin of 105-100. Despite the loss, this is the most points the Bison

have put up so far this season. Three days later, the Orange and Blue returned to the court, this time facing Mercer. In his first career start, Alex Timmerman '23 led the Bison with 22 points, closely followed by Rice with 20 points and Funk with 16 points. Even with this, the Bison could not out-score the Bears, falling 78-68. In their final match of the tournament, the Bison and Broncos faced each other

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Men's Water Polo take 5th place in the postseason

Kaylee Donnelly
Contributing Writer

The weekend before Thanksgiving, the Bison Men's Water Polo team dove into their final games of the season. The MAWPC Championship lasted Friday through Sunday, with the Bison facing off against Wagner, Mount St. Mary's and Gannon.

The first game of the postseason tournament took place on Friday, where the team took on Wagner. The Orange and the Blue started off with a strong lead, ending the first quarter with a 4-0 lead with two goals each from Josh Yardley '22 and Hasan Mogultay '25. Wagner did not go this quarter without effort, with goalkeeper Adrien Touzot '23 posting six saves in that quarter alone.

The Bison struggled to maintain a lead for the rest of the game. The Seahawks tied the game six minutes into the third quarter, and after another goal from both Shay Gillearn '25 and Wagner, the game was tied at five.

Despite the Bison's effort, the Seahawks took the game with a score of 8-7. Touzot made a season-high 19 saves in attempt to keep the score tight.

The Bison's second

game occurred just the next day, with the team hoping to bounce back from their first loss of the weekend. The game versus Mount St. Mary's started strong as well, the team taking a 4-1 lead early into the game with two goals from Mogultay and one from Yardley and Ethan Jones '24 each. The Bison maintained their information for the rest of the game, the Mount attempting to close the gap in the second but never pushing past a three-point gap.

They outscored the Mountaineers 6-1 in the third quarter, securing their lead and carrying the momentum through the end for a 17-11 victory. Touzot split this game in net with goalkeeper Jack Otto '22, putting up nine and three saves respectively.

The final game took place Sunday, the men vying for fifth place and an 11th straight winning season in their match versus Gannon.

This game was closer than the others, the first quarter starting off with a 3-2 lead for the Bison. By the end of the second, the game was at 4-2, with Jones' second goal of the match. They were able to pull an even larger lead in the third quarter, managing a 6-2 lead over the Golden Knights. However, Gannon kept the game close, and by

the beginning of the fourth, the score was at 8-7.

The last and victory securing goal was scored by Gillian, who scored a record three goals in this match. The Bison won the game 9-7, earning fifth place for the season.

Andu Vlasceanu '24 and Mogultay were each named to a MAWPC All-Conference Team following the weekend, Vlasceanu earning first team and Mogultay second.

With the season over, the Bison say farewell to a stellar senior class. "I'm going to miss being a part of a team that acts like a family. The water polo team has become my family and who I lean on for anything. They are my closest set of friends and I am going to miss all the times we have together from the highs to the lows I could always count on these guys for everything," Otto said.

To offset the losses, the returning Bison are looking forward to the next season. "It's going to be difficult to replace the leadership the seniors brought to the team, but returning a large group of the team will help us build back to being a championship team. This off-season the team is going to work on skills to better prepare for late game execution and defense," Yardley said.

Men and Women's swim place second at last weekend's Bucknell Invitational

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Last week, the men's and women's swim teams competed in the Bucknell Invitational and both took second place. The men's team finished with 1,229 points and the women's team with 1,306.5, both right behind Towson.

The Bison men's team put on an impressive performance on each day of the meet. On the last day of the meet, the 400m freestyle relay school record was broken by John Gehrig '24, Leo Kuyl '23, Chris Fabian '24 and Liam Pitt '22. "The relay was the last event of the meet, so the energy on the deck was already super high. When we touched the wall first and broke the record, everyone started cheering super loud. Our team could not have asked for a better way to end the meet and go into Thanksgiving break," Gehrig said. Gehrig also shined in the 100m freestyle, where he had one of the Orange and Blue's fastest times (44.99) and set a new program time for the 200m butterfly (1:47.63). Chris Kopac '25 and Kuyl each placed second in individual events. The Bison ended up sending eight swimmers to the 'A' finals on the last day and three of the relay teams respectively ended in the top eight.

Similarly, the women's team had a successful weekend full of stellar performances. Maddie Hartigan '22 placed first in the 100 freestyle and took .12 of a second off her own time for the 200 freestyle time, 1:48.10. Abby Doss '24 also beat her own time in the 200 breaststroke, 2:13.44, by shaving over a second off. She is the first Bison to beat 2:14 in the event and second ever to clear 2:15. The Orange and Blue sent eight swimmers to the 'A' finals, where Hartigan won the 100 freestyle and placed third in the 1,650 freestyle. In addition, impressive performances were by Skye Sunderhauf '25, who finished fourth in the 200 butterfly and Alexis Faria '22, Kayla Lichtner '24, Sophia Donati '23 and Hartigan, who placed third in the 400 freestyle relay.

After a successful three-day meet, the Bison hung up their towels and expect to dive back into the season in the New Year, where both teams will face off against Johns Hopkins on Jan. 8. "The team is excited to get back to training and finish the semester strong both in the pool and in the classroom and we look forward to our training trip in Florida after Christmas," Gehrig said.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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again, just one week later. This time Rider came out on top, winning by a score of 85-79.

The Bison closed out the Thanksgiving week-end with one final match at Sojka Pavilion on Sunday, Nov. 28 against Siena. In nail-biting overtime, the Bison defense remained strong, leading to a 65-56 victory. Timmerman once again led the team in points (20)

followed by Rice with 11. When asked about how the team has progressed thus far in the season, Timmerman said, "the biggest thing about these last couple of games is that [the team] is getting more comfortable and familiar with playing with each other which is pretty typical of any early season." He also wanted to give "a shout out to the fans

at the first couple home games" for showing their support and making it a fun atmosphere.

The Bison look to better their 2-5 record on the road against Saint Francis (Pa.) on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. The Orange and Blue will remain on the road at Hofstra (Dec. 4) and Princeton (Dec. 7) until they return to Sojka on Dec. 18 to face La Salle.

Bison Football defeated by Holy Cross Crusaders

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The Bison football team squared off at home against Patriot League champions the Holy Cross Crusaders last Saturday, Nov. 20. As the final game of the season for the Bison, the team honored the seniors before kickoff: DL Grayson Cherubino, RB Jared Cooper, CB Sterling Deary, CB Micah Dennis, QB Tarrin Earle, DL Luke Hamper, OL Michael Killiri, WR Renn Lints, WR Dominic Lyles, LB Cole McCabe, OL Noah Sansalone and OL Jacob Russ were recognized during the last regular season of their undergraduate career.

The Holy Cross Crusaders won the Patriot League for the third year in a row this season, going undefeated in the Patriot League for the third time in the school's history and holding an overall record of 9-2. The Bison went down early to the Crusaders, letting up a touchdown in the eighth minute of the first quarter. By halftime, the Crusaders were up 31-0, having held the

Bison to a mere 26 yards of offense and six first downs in the first half of the game. The Crusaders built their halftime lead by scoring two touchdowns in the first quarter and two more in the second, as well as scoring a 39-yard field goal in the second quarter.

The Bison scored a touchdown with a little more than two minutes remaining in the third quarter: Mason Muir '25 scored his second career touchdown receiving a 23-yard pass from Nick Semptimphelter '24. The ensuing two-point pass conversion failed. The Crusaders answered with another touchdown scored in the final quarter, bringing the final game score to 45-6 in favor of the away team.

Blake Leake '24 led the Bison in a number of tackles with a career-high 16, with John Schlendorf '25 trailing close behind with his own personal best of 14. Brent Jackson '23 and Ben Allen '23 both totaled 10 tackles each during the final game of the season. The Bison also doubled the team's home

sack total for the season by logging four in the final game of the season, bringing their season total to eight. Alex Smith Jr. '25 and Jack Barnes '25 also both contributed to the Bison's efforts on defense, as Smith broke up two passes (a career-high) and Barnes blocked a punt.

On offense, Semptimphelter and Ethan Grady '25 together completed a total of 13 passes (88 yards). Muir had a career record of 50 yards on five catches, leading all Bison receivers. A lot of first-year students contributed this season, giving them crucial playing experience that will be valuable in the future, giving the Bison hope for next year's season.

Leake said the following regarding the season-closing game and the season overall: "It was a rough end to a rough season but we're excited for the future. We had a lot of young guys get experience that will only help us in our upcoming seasons. We're ready to get in the weight room and start preparing for next year."

ATHLETE

OF THE WEEK

Carly Krsul '23



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BASKETBALL PROFILE

HOMETOWN: PLYMOUTH, MINN

HIGH SCHOOL: ROBBINSDALE ARMSTRONG

HIGH SCHOOL

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The Bison women's basketball team is off to a great start with a 4-2 record. This past weekend the team went 2-0 in the TD Bank Classic tournament, defeating the University of North Dakota 64-59 and the University of Vermont 68-53. Forward Carly Krsul '23 had an outstanding weekend, scoring 16 points against the Fighting Hawks and 10 points against the Catamounts. For her efforts in the matches, she was named to the All-Tournament team.

The junior has been a contributing member of the basketball team since her rookie season. She appeared in all 10 games her sophomore season, tying for first in the team lead in blocks, and ranking third in rebounds. Thus

far in this 2021-22 campaign, Krsul has played in all the contests and has scored 60 points for the Orange and Blue.

Krsul speaks on her own successes and her team successes. "The season has been really great thus far, as a young team there has been an expected learning curve. However, we are growing as a team every game and this past season really exhibited how tough we can be. Personally I am filling a much different role than I have in past seasons here. I am playing more of a true big position which has been a change, but has been fun," Krsul said.

Krsul is set to lead her team again with her elite-level skills in games against Saint Francis University on Dec. 1, University of Pennsylvania on Dec. 3, and Saint Bonaventure on Dec. 6.

These games will be great learning opportunities. "As a team right now we are just really trying to play better together."

CAREER STATS

43 GAMES
PLAYED
195 POINTS
137 REBOUNDS
31 ASSISTS
33 BLOCKS
14 STEALS

The Bison Wrestling Team had a Competitive Weekend at the Navy Classic

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Seven of the Bison wrestlers placed on the podium this weekend, finishing fourth overall at the Navy Classic on Saturday in Annapolis, Md.

Zach Hartman '22 helped the Bison immensely by going 5-0 in the 165-pound weight classification. Hartman received bonus points in all five of his matches. He logged three pins, one technical fall and one major decision in all five of his victories.

Darren Miller '23 came in second place while competing in the 141-pound weight class, with Jaden Fisher '23 finishing runner-up in the 174-pound weight class. Kurt Phipps '24 in the 133-pound weight class and Logan Deacetis '25 in the 284-pound weight

class were both fourth on the podium.

Kolby Depron '25, competing in the 149-pound weight class, placed third at his third straight tournament. Brandon Seidman '22, competing in the 125-pound weight class, claimed sixth place at the tournament.

The Orange and Blue finished the competition with 115.5 points, placing behind Michigan State (129), Ohio (125.5), and Navy (122) out of the 12 competing teams in the tournament. The Bison placed higher than No. 18 Rutgers, Bloomsburg, Edinboro and Lock Haven.

"The Navy Classic was really exciting to see what our team looked like after a long preseason. We looked pretty good with seven place winners and three finalists. I'm excited to see

how the rest of our year plays out with some young guys stepping into the lineup," Nick Delp '24 said.

Hartman remains undefeated, starting out 8-0 from his wins this fall. The two-time All-American has gone 20-3, only losing at the NCAA Championships.

Miller had a successful day on the mat, going 3-0 with a pair of major decisions by shutout. He ended up not competing in the finals against Navy's Tyler Hunt to finish second.

Fisher had a 3-1 record, finishing with two pins and losing a 12-6 decision to Ohio. Depron improved to a 12-3 record on the season. His 12 victories currently lead the team. The Bison had 11 pins and 6 major decisions.

The Orange and Blue host Michigan State for their home opener on Friday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.

Strong Week for Women's Basketball

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The Orange and Blue took on several tough opponents starting with Fairleigh Dickinson on Nov. 17. The Bison trailed for nearly 34 minutes in their second game of the season, but a strong effort in the fourth quarter put them ahead for good. The Bison outscored the Knights 22-6 in an impressive push to take the win in the final quarter. The final score was 66-56, with Senior Captain Taylor O'Brien '22 leading the way with 18 points and five steals. Fellow Senior Captain Marly Walls '22 also added a career-high of 14 points to push the Bison past the Knights.

The Orange and Blue traveled to Philadelphia for a matchup against the Temple Owls on Nov. 20. The Bison battled hard, once again outsourcing their opponent in the fourth quarter, but it was not enough to get the win over the Owls. The final score was 59-46 in favor of the Owls.

The Bison then defeated Iona on the road on Nov. 23, bringing their record to an even 2-2. The Orange and Blue limited Iona to just 2-of-17 from beyond the arc and forced 14 turnovers in the win. Rookie Cecelia Collins '25 had a big game for the Bison, leading the way with 16 points. She was followed by O'Brien (15) and Walls (12). Walls also had six rebounds. The scoring was very back and forth with 11 lead changes, but the Bison could come out on top in a 55-48 victory.

Coming off of the victory against Iona, the Bison headed into the annual TD Bank Classic in Burlington, Vt. on Nov. 27. Their first game was against North Dakota, where they trailed for over 33 minutes before coming back to secure the victory. A season-high of 22 points for O'Brien led the way, followed by Carly Krsul '23 (16) and Collins (13). The Bison's first lead came with 1:50 remaining

in the contest, and they came out on top in a 64-59 win.

The Bison finished off a tough week of competition in the TD Bank Classic Championship. The offense put up 68 points in a 68-53 win over the Vermont Catamounts on Nov. 28. O'Brien led the way once again with a career-high 24 points on 9-of-12 shooting. She was also named the tournament's Most Valuable Player following the match. The offensive effort secured the Bison the win and Championship Title.

"I am very thankful to get to spend the holiday with my second family. Winning a championship only made it that much better. We are looking forward to keeping the streak going into our home opener this week," Walls said.

The Bison opened at Sojka Pavilion incredibly well against Saint Francis at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1, with a score of 68-31.

BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

Ballon d'Or 2021: Lionel Messi Wins Record Seventh Ballon d'Or Award

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Monday, Nov. 29 marked the presentation of France Football's 65th annual Ballon d'Or ceremony in Paris, one of the most, if not the most, prestigious individual award ceremonies in world soccer. The world's best soccer players dressed up for the event, and celebrities like Tom Holland and Zendaya were in attendance.

The biggest award of the night, the Ballon d'Or, for the best soccer player of 2021, was won on the wom-

en's side by Barcelona's Alexia Putellas, and on the men's side by Paris Saint-Germain's Lionel Messi.

Some of the most illustrious players of all time like Zinedine Zidane, George Best and Ronaldinho have just one Ballon d'Or. After Monday night Lionel Messi, incredibly, has seven. That's now two more than his rival Cristiano Ronaldo and more than every active soccer player in the world combined. Crucial to his win was Argen-

tina's Copa America win, where Messi captained his country to their first international trophy since 1993.

Among the other awards were Barcelona's Pedri, who won the Kopa Trophy for the world's best U-21 player (American Giovanni Reyna finished 9th for this award), PSG's Gianluigi Donnarumma who won goalkeeper of the year, and Chelsea FC who won club of the year.

Among one of the more controversial decisions of the ceremony was the deci-

sion not to award the Ballon d'Or to Bayern Munich striker Robert Lewandowski, who scored an incredible 64 goals in 54 games in 2021, being statistically the best goal scorer in the world. He was awarded the newly created Striker of the Year award; however, many saw this as just a consolation prize for one who deserved the Ballon d'Or. Lewandowski finished second in the standings for the award, followed by Chelsea and Italy

midfielder Jorginho in third.

Amongst one of the more dramatic controversies of the night was the absence of five-time Ballon d'Or winner Cristiano Ronaldo. The Manchester United attacker, who hasn't attended the awards since 2018, was the center of controversy after coming out against comments made by Ballon d'Or organizer Pascal Ferre. Ferre had come out in the New York Times saying that "Ronaldo has

only one ambition, and that is to retire with more Ballons d'Or than Messi, and I know that because he has told me." Cristiano Ronaldo came out on social media condemning the statement, claiming that it was a "lie" and that he "[doesn't] win against anyone."

After an eventful 2021 in the soccer calendar, 2022 should hold even more excitement, with the 2022 World Cup in Qatar sure to produce some iconic moments.



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Aadhaar — Exclusion by Design

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The laptop screen glares with the brown-and-white image of an enlarged iris. Karan blinks purposefully, which allows for slow movements of his eye to be captured by the camera for storage in the memory of a hard disk. This digitization of his iris scan, fingerprints and facial features marks the customary birth of his “digital double.” Weeks pass as Karan eagerly waits for the formal documents to arrive at his place in Jaipur, India. These documents will contain a 12-digit identification number, called an Aadhaar number, assigned by the Unique Identity Authority of India; this number would officially attest to Karan’s existence as a citizen of his country. Next in line is Warda Devi, a lower-caste senior citizen hailing from Losal, a small village in the northern state of Rajasthan. Devi has travelled 150 kilometers by bus to complete the Aadhaar process. Though facial feature and iris scans go smoothly, the system displays an “Error” message and refuses to accept her fingerprints. After the fourth futile attempt, the operator behind the laptop stands up and expresses regret that they are “unable to register you at the moment.” For Warda, behind this unceremonious remark awaits potentially serious consequences.

India’s Aadhaar is the largest biometric identification project undertaken by a government of any country in modern history. Its goal was to establish a necessary and effective way of streamlining governance by increasing the transparency of bureaucratic and other transactions. With 1.29 billion registrants to date, the system is meant to enroll all residents of India and associate their personal details (name, gender, address) and biometric scans with a unique 12-digit Aadhaar number. Today an Aadhaar registration is required to receive social welfare benefits, vote, apply for tax returns and even register for school. Though the government has characterized the Aadhaar as a voluntary system, it is very difficult for the vulnerable to avail oneself of government benefits and navigate complex bureaucratic systems without this biometric proof of identity.

Caste serves as a primary source of social and economic stratification in India — a largely immutable social law based on an individual’s profession, wealth and heritage. Dalit (“broken”) is the name given to the lowest stratum caste of Hindus, historically referred to as “untouchables” who existed on the periphery of society. It has been argued that Aadhaar reproduces a form of digital caste system corresponding to real-life stratifications of caste. Though the government does not necessarily save information regarding one’s caste, religion, or education, several government departments and data-mining companies have been accused of creating parallel data systems that anchor themselves in this supposedly trivial information. If an individual’s digital caste identity is fixed through Aadhaar, it will become impossible for them to distance themselves from it in real life.

Additionally, the Aadhaar program faces a rising challenge of data leaks originating from government websites, where sensitive biometric and personal information of certain citizens has been made publicly available — for anyone to access through a simple Google search. As one’s personal demographic details are revealed to the public through leaks, they are bound to be subject to surveillance and discrimination on a routine basis. Historically, disenfranchised minority groups such as trans individuals and dalits have been the central targets of bigotry and systemic discrimination. Most

trans people do not work in the mainstream and due to ostracization and a lack of formal education, they are forced to pursue sex work or beg on the streets to survive — both of which are illegal in India. Considering that the profession practiced by many trans people is illegal, how safe is it for the trans community to have their Aadhaar linked to their phone numbers? Being an identifiable member of the LGBTQ community in India remains a major risk for many Indians, especially outside of major metropolitan cities, so how safe are queer people if a proof of identification can track them with their biometrics? Will it leave them vulnerable to targeted attacks in the future?

Aadhaar was intended to exhibit the government’s progressive mindset about having a structured administration, but it has exposed privacy concerns related to data breaches. It was supposed to ease the poor’s access to welfare, but has instead hurt the neediest. Measures need to be taken to ensure that data collected for Aadhaar is not stored on a centralized database, and legislations should be put in place to maintain the integrity of individuals who refuse to participate in this program. Former Solicitor General of India Gopal Subramaniam noted sagely that “rights cannot be based on algorithms based on probabilities. Rights cannot be subjected to such vicissitudes. Constitutional guarantees cannot be whittled down by an architecturally flawed structure which involves a centralised database.” India’s government wants to move towards a progressive future by digitizing the lives of Indian citizens, but it also needs to proactively deal with the challenges that arise in regards to violations of citizens’ data, personal safety and access to welfare schemes and opportunities.

Hostile Architecture is Discriminatory

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Have you ever seen sectioned benches, sub-highway or road spikes or metal studs around fountains or walkways? Collectively these instruments are known as “hostile architecture,” or perhaps more succinctly, ‘anti-homeless’ architecture. Hostile architecture is the urban design strategy whereby certain structures or features of a space are built for the sole purpose of restricting certain kinds of occupation. Benches that have a dividing arm rest in the area, for instance, prevent people from laying down, especially homeless people. The message that this architecture conveys is ‘you are not welcomed here’.

Hostile architecture should not be used — its only purpose is to ignore the socio-economic issues of homelessness.

I live in the city of Boston, Mass., and constantly see the proliferation of hostile architecture. When I would go to school, I would have to take the MBTA, Boston’s public transportation subway, and sit in uncomfortable chairs for long periods of time waiting for the train to arrive. Instead of sleeping on the benches, our city’s homeless would sleep on the floors, or even in the subway trains.

This all illustrates perfectly a mentality of ‘us vs. them’. While improvements to resource access for homeless people should obviously be made,

such as providing them with a home, hostile architecture is ‘kicking’ the homeless out of their only current option of home — the outdoors.

In the process, hostile architecture harms the elderly, people with disabilities and even pregnant women with their slanted chairs in public. It is a design that was built on the idea that people should not linger for so long and that the public is not a resting place. As a result, hostile architecture harms many groups of people beyond the homeless.

Having hostile architecture designs creates an overall unwelcoming environment for the community. As governments and businesses use this urban design strategy it creates a less convenient environment for people. It is unethical that the government push away homeless rather than confront the root of the issue. Rather than trying to make the public city spaces available and accessible to all of the community, hostile architecture removes the ability to do that successfully.

It’s important while considering hostile architecture, though, to also know that homelessness is not the only problem. As I mentioned in the beginning, hostile architecture designers have included sectioned benches or under-road spikes, but it encompasses much more different urban design strategies to restrict

and disallow the public from doing certain actions. For example, airports have installed segmented benches similar to the design found in the public where the benches are split evenly to hold one person, but prevent the passenger from sleeping. In a similar instance, malls have implemented segmented benches to keep shoppers from laying down. Parks and building complexes have followed the same suit where they have added metal notches to the walls and railings to keep skateboarders from grinding on their property.

Balancing the struggles of “where will I sleep tonight” and “I do not have access to the recourse I need” creates a difficult situation for the homeless. As the government continues to block areas through hostile architecture there is no means of helping. Homeless people are not the problem, it is a problem the country has not taken care of. The sole purpose for extracting hostile architecture is cities are trying to push away the homeless and have them feel as if they are unwelcomed.

If homeless people cannot get help from the government, they at least deserve the public places to create a temporary home. That cannot happen if cities and governments justify the acts of hostile architecture as protecting public safety, and increasing tourism and consumerism.

NFTakeover

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Amid a surge of so-called “cryptocurrencies” that have revolutionized the world of online exchange, a new and unique digital item, non-fungible tokens (NFTs), have met with mounting popularity. The NFT phenomenon is the newest iteration of digital investment, and like the -coin mania which preceded it, traders are attempting to make literal overnight fortunes selling and buying them on the internet. Investors, or in many cases, “investors” can be seen throwing tens of thousands of dollars at these blockchain-backed virtual images, but since these images are non-fungible, they have little actual value beyond their existence as a digital file. There is no cash value inherently tied to these images, barring the social phenomenon whereby individuals appear suddenly willing to pay thousands of

dollars for the privilege of “owning” them. Critics of the medium have already begun to simply screenshot and reproduce the images on the internet as they wish, much to the dismay of NFT owners — who bemoan the supposed piracy of “their” images.

NFTs have become the most expensive running joke on the internet, with many “investors” treating the images like some kind of highly prized artifact. However, with a right-click and selection of the save-as option, anyone on the internet can instantly possess the same image investors just spent hundreds or thousands of dollars on — lacking only the “proof of ownership” certifying its purchase in the blockchain. Buying an NFT, consequently, may unironically be the worst investment in the history of investments. Though it’s funny to laugh at, the NFT phenomenon does generate some legitimate

questions about how our economy is developing. Are people simply bored with their money? Has the economy devolved into a virtual playground where those who possess enough capital to “invest” in these digital currencies and objects are just attempting to create hype so they can pad their portfolio with rapidly appreciating assets? It sure looks like it.

This hypothesis is reinforced by a recent boom in investment for “Metaverse real estate.” Now, if you are a living, breathing person making very real rent or mortgage payments on a housing unit, it may seem curious why anyone would throw a decade’s worth of income at an entirely virtual plot of “land”. Better known as the “Metaverse,” digital sandbox landscapes have provided models of real-world cities with “real estate” that can be purchased by investors for opening dig-

ital stores, advertisement, or other purposes. Once again, this form of investment begs the question — why? Are we really on course to becoming an entirely digital society to the point where even our cities become lines of computer code? Or, alternatively, has our real estate market just become so overly-saturated with monopolistic ownership that people are physically running out of real land to invest in? I’m going with the latter.

This switch to cryptocurrencies, NFTs, and the metaverse is indicative of a growing problem with our modern U.S. economy. Currency and capital is becoming so concentrated in comparison to the global population that people are beginning to look for escape routes, or to even alter the global currency entirely. The enthusiastic response to a decentralized currency like Bitcoin signals a move

away from the standard currencies that we’ve grown accustomed to as a global society, and towards a market in which monetary shifts are no longer policy decisions made by concentrated entities, but market-wide phenomena controlled by potentially billions of people. While this may sound like a good thing, as in theory it gives the power of monetary policy to the everyday person, it is once again subject to contamination by the ultra-wealthy. With the price of a singular Bitcoin at \$57,300 at time of writing, the ability to actually enter these digital markets is significantly determined by possessing large amounts of real — not virtual — capital.

Digital currencies may very well be the future of how we trade, spend, and invest; a decentralized currency that is less subject to corruption and manipulation is ideal for smaller investors

looking to break into new financial markets. It appears, in short, like a great solution to many of the economic problems we face today. However we also must be diligent to not allow cryptocurrencies to merely iterate the consolidation of wealth already rapidly progressing in the real world. Prominent investors are already on the frontlines of the cryptocurrency and Metaverse boom, and as they begin to claim more and more of the landscape, they once again exercise their power to the exclusion of other market participants. Cryptocurrency’s ability to democratize finance and monetary trading hinges on its accessibility to average people, and until cryptocurrencies become available to the masses and those without massive stores of wealth, rosy prescriptions about its revolutionary power should be approached with hesitancy.

What's Your Score: predictive policing raises issues

Lauren Wenzl
Contributing Writer

Discriminatory predictive policing algorithms are frequently used to identify potential criminals, areas of high criminal drug use and assign risk scores. It normalizes racism in society and in the criminal justice system and it needs to be stopped.

The police are knocking on your door. Are they looking for you? A family member? You didn't commit any crimes, so why are they here? Well, it turns out that a predictive policing algorithm determined that you were on their new "heat list." This list was meant to warn officers of people who were predicted to be involved in violent crimes – and now they are investigating you. According to their algorithm your race, gender, location and socioeconomic status lead to the belief that you had the "profile of a criminal." Again, you didn't do anything wrong, so how can this be fair? The answer is that it is not, and issues with the information used to determine this are already standing out. An algorithm like this is setting up for systemic racial biases to not only be continued but normalized through its use.

This is what happened to many in Chicago in 2014,

where heat lists had been in practice for years. People were targeted, profiled and treated as someone who had the potential to be involved in a crime, leading the police to show up at their front door. This inevitably raises serious concerns, some over how the algorithm is targeting the individuals and some over where and how else this is being applied. If they wanted to conduct a search on your house, how much suspicion do they need and would it be lawful? Lots of questions surface that all lead back to what the algorithm did to come to this conclusion. Because of this, a lot of trust is placed in its veracity and its implications are threatening.

More concern emerges when looking at predictive policing used to identify areas with higher criminal activity. The PredPol algorithm is a learning algorithm that uses data sets of previous police recorded data on drug arrests to flag "hotspots" in Oakland, Calif. that would have the highest drug activity. This would prompt officers to patrol those areas more in the following days. It was tested on a synthetic population and was found that it was targeting black people at "roughly twice the rate of whites" Kristian Lum said, a lead statistician at the Human Rights Data

Analysis Group, despite the fact that all the different racial groups were estimated to be about equal. This will also create a negative feedback loop of officers patrolling the same areas as they will see more activity in areas that they patrol more, which continues to target the people living there. While this all may have a good intention of getting criminals off the streets, it ultimately helps hide the underlying discriminatory issues that are being created as a result.

Say someone now gets arrested because more police than usual were patrolling the area, and it's time for them to determine bail and another algorithm comes into play. The abundance of algorithmic generalizations so far in the criminal justice system is alarming, but automation is the way our world is working towards, right? This algorithm's goal determines flight risk based on a series of questions and criminal history data. It was also only 61 percent accurate, which is just barely better than a coin flip as ProPublica journalist Julia Angwin said. "The formula was particularly likely to falsely flag black defendants as future criminals, wrongly labeling them this way at almost twice the rate as white defendants." And while White defendants are

more frequently to be mislabeled as low risk, Black defendants were 77 percent likely to be given a higher risk score. A high-risk score could mean no bail for the defendant. All of this is unfair and normalizes systemic issues such as the disproportionate amount of black people incarcerated.

The inaccuracies and biases surfaced from predictive policing algorithms should not allow them the jurisdiction to be used practically. Implementing these algorithms into the criminal justice system would make systemic racism worse. It would cement current biases against people of color into our future and continue to disproportionately affect them. Algorithms have the potential danger for people to say "an algorithm was calculated that way" so it must be correct, which normalizes these biases and perpetuates discrimination. While it should not be used for the future, a possible use could be to look back at the past. It could be possible to use these algorithms to identify and address problems that we may not have a full understanding of so that we can make changes to better ourselves and the future. This way, no one will come knocking on your door from some biased allegations made by a biased algorithm.



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What people get wrong on critical race theory

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Senior Writer

Over a year since the term "critical race theory" (CRT) skyrocketed into national prominence and controversy, some parents across the country have been fervently seeking reform on what they perceive to be a failure of public education. Their indignance is supported by countless legislators introducing bills that could radically alter how the history of the United States is imparted in the classroom.

The discourse over a holistic approach to history – one that includes the less savory aspects of America's rise to power, including segregation and slavery – is not necessarily a new one. The term "critical race theory" was itself deployed infrequently during the 1990's and early 2000's to discuss the approach. But it wasn't until last year that it saw a surge in popularity, when journalist and guest Christopher Rufo first mentioned it on Tucker Carlson Tonight.

It is quite telling that the concern over CRT has acquired major purchase in the national conversation, despite its relatively recent ascendancy as a common point of discussion when conservative outlets began discussing it last year. This sharp rise in coverage (and immediate harsh vilification) may also

have led many to resist critical race theory without understanding what it truly is. CRT is typically only introduced to students undertaking graduate education, in particular in law schools, as a means to understand why facially neutral laws result in racially unequal or disparate outcomes.

Instead, the term has become a catch-all for any history that reckons with America's troubled history of racism, discrimination and exclusion.

It must be made clear that discussing American history – including its history of racism – is not to condemn whiteness or to victimize Blackness. Too often the rhetoric denouncing critical race theory asserts that it tears an already divided country even further apart, reimposing the racial lines of previous eras. But this argument is essentially a strawman; discussing the historical dominance of White people throughout America's history, while acknowledging the economic and social hardships levied against minority groups is hardly equivalent to the conservative claim that CRT teaches one race is inherently evil, or another is inherently weaker. These claims are utterly absent from a critical race theory curriculum, and their cynical deployment in opposition is little more than ignorance on part of its critics.

Critical race theory is not a scourge on the education

of young and impressionable minds; its popular characterization is yet another talking point regurgitated by conservative outlets designed to spark outrage and, ideally, inspire more people to go vote for their favored candidates. Glenn Youngkin successfully ran for the Virginia governor's seat on a platform condemning a "critical race theory" supposedly indoctrinating students to "divide people and actually put people into different buckets, and then pit them against one another."

The greatest irony is not only that critical race theory is not even taught in primary and secondary schools, but that it arguably should be. The United States has a curious relationship with race; the country was built on the backs of slaves, with almost all of the Founding Fathers owning human beings. The most devastating conflict in our nation's history has directly concerned the liberation of slaves. Yet too often racism has been written off as a plague of the past, effectively crumbling with the issuance of Emancipation Proclamation, its last vestiges swept away by the Civil Rights Act. Any subsequent acts of racism were not the result of broken systems, but simply individual actions by those with antique beliefs.

The trouble with emphasizing individual racism over

systemic concerns is that it is a logical fallacy. Individuals are not born racist, nor is it some sort of virus picked up from bad air. Racism is the result of a warped perception of the world and other people, shaped by our upbringing and, crucially, what we learn in school. To have an inadequate education that glosses over America's racist past can lead students to believe that their country never oppressed or discriminated against others based on race – or, even if it did, it was in such a way as to have no bearing on contemporary issues.

Despite representing only 13 percent of the American population, Black Americans were five times as likely to be homeless than their White counterparts in 2020, and nearly five times as likely to be incarcerated. Black people are also more than twice as likely to be impoverished or to face hunger than non-Hispanic White households. If you imagine a "colorblind" system indifferent to race or ethnicity prevails in our country, these disparities are surpassingly difficult to understand.

Modern-day segregation has existed since the demise of its de jure institutionalization in the mid-20th century; many areas dominated by minorities, for instance, receive fewer funds for their schools than campuses within White neighborhoods. Coerced labor in prisons argu-

ably reproduces conditions of slavery, with Black individuals nearly three times overrepresented in the national prison population. This is a devastating reality, and points to a glaring level of inequality in the incarceration, impoverishment, and education of Black citizens.

These statistics are not the results of individual actors propagating racism, but the result of broken systems and institutions that we do not question or seek to change because they have served the needs of White people. When we are raised to recognize and accept the systemic and disproportionate suffering of non-Whites, we normalize these issues and even come to blame them on characteristics of these marginalized groups themselves. Many point to an overreliance on the "welfare state" as the reason why Black people are economically less fortunate than White Americans (ignoring that the reverse is equally likely), or simply that they have been "taught to be victims" by liberals in the media. The discourse of racism and the plight of minorities has too often devolved into a pointless discussion of the actions of individuals rather than the pervasive consequences of our current institutions.

A failure to understand the history of racism in America can normalize practices that harshly discriminate against certain ra-

cial groups. Perhaps it is difficult for parents who garnered one perspective on the United States to see that another, more holistic and accurate one may be taught to their children. Such is the course of education, that successive generations refine and advance their understanding of topics in light of new information or perspectives. But it is wrong to meddle with a curriculum and manipulate what is being taught simply to reimpose one's own biased beliefs. That is censorship of the highest order – seeking out the root of how a person first gains knowledge by targeting elementary and secondary education.

This is not to say that parents should have absolutely no role in the education of their children, and it is completely understandable to be concerned over the welfare of one's child. But the panic over "critical race theory" goes well beyond legitimate worries, and speaks instead to a broader issue of American fragility – an irrational fear of recognizing the successes, as well as failures, of American democracy. The troubles and actions of yesterday have obvious bearing on the affairs of today, and it is only through an accurate teaching of our past that the future minds may be better prepared to deal with their present.



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"The French Dispatch"

Wes Anderson's Questionable Ode to Journalism

Harley Marks '23
Contributing Writer

"The French Dispatch," a multi-layered tale set in 20th-century France, brings to life a collection of newspaper columns published in, you guessed it, the French Dispatch. I went into this film with no expectations or context; I did know that Wes Anderson's unique artistic vision and quirky storytelling would offer entertainment at the very least. While the movie certainly has its pros, I find the overall structure fragmented, the journalists' characters underdeveloped, and the takeaway message hard to find. Because film is art, and art is subjective, it is hard to sit here and concretely say what worked and what didn't. I plan on writing this commentary regardless.

As someone who has always loved writing and appreciated journalism, I want to first discuss the aspects of the movie that really made for an incredible viewing experience. Naturally, in perfect Anderson fashion, the aesthetic of this film is truly incredible. The vibrant and creative use of colors, the beautiful European setting, and the classic vintage feel are hard to ignore and add a certain complexity to the story that I thoroughly enjoyed. The screenplay is also exceptionally done, as the story is broken into three mini-stories that correlate with different sections in the final issue of the French Dispatch newspaper. Going hand-in-hand with the screenplay is the script, which is actually one of the more brilliant movie scripts I've seen. The language makes it feel like you really are reading a story and can help you appreciate all the small details and complexi-

ties that make Wes Anderson films so special. Lastly, a more obvious pro to this movie is the masterful and seasoned cast. Tilda Swinton, Adrien Brody, Willem Dafoe, Léa Seydoux, Bill Murray and Timothée Chalamet are just a few examples of the stellar actors who bring their characters to life. Owen Wilson showcased a new side of himself and thrived in a role different from his usual forte. An experienced actor for Anderson films, Bill Murray delivered in his usual way - blunt and relatable. And Timothée Chalamet proved, yet again, his ability to excel in any role and act with the same level of charisma and expertise as his older counterparts (I would be lying if I said he wasn't my main motivation for seeing the film). However, even with all of its perfect quirks and exquisite details, I left the theater with a sense of disappointment.

While I can appreciate Wes Anderson's style, I think he relies too much on it, and too much on his reputation. Although his style works with this particular story, I would love to see something moodier and darker from him. I think there is a way to still express his personal style in a manner that is different from what viewers expect. Don't get me wrong, I was impressed by his artistic decisions for the entirety of the film; however, it is easy for this style to get stale after 30 minutes (there is only so much quirkiness a viewer can handle). When announcing this film, Anderson claimed it was written as a "love letter to journalists." I would argue that this is most definitely a stretch. In my opinion, it was more of

a love letter to art and filmmaking, because the writers in the movie didn't get their time to shine as much as their stories did. Did the movie turn seemingly mundane newspaper articles into glamorous, complex and beautiful narratives? Yes. But did it also neglect the journalists' different approaches to writing, preferred writing styles and sources of inspiration? Also, yes. Having more background on these characters would have added a lot to the mini-stories. Another observation: the plot felt disjointed and the ending rushed. Sure, it's fun to scatter a bunch of mini-stories throughout the general plot of the movie, but why didn't they connect? I couldn't sense clear overlaps in theme between them. Perhaps they weren't meant to connect, but by putting them in the context of one whole shared newspaper, the expectation is for them to relate in some way. That is something that was missing from the plotline. The ending, while connected to the very opening scene of the film, felt extremely rushed as well. Perhaps if the movie cut out just one of the mini-stories, it would've had time to adequately wrap up the plot and revisit the characters. Speaking of characters! I have a problem with Chalamet's character, Zeffirelli. For a movie set in France, about a French newspaper, and with French lines in the script, you would think that Timothée Chalamet (who is French himself) would be able to tap into that side of himself at some point in the film. He had no French lines. To the average viewer that seems harmless, but I'd argue that a Timothée stan would have higher

hopes for his character's portrayal. His acting was great per usual, but I personally felt that he didn't fit the aesthetic of the film. He just seemed out of place; it felt like he was hired to draw in a younger audience (which admittedly, worked!). Maybe it was his natural modern look or lack of French lines, but I feel that Timothée could've been used in a different way.

Overall, this movie is worth watching. If anything, it is beautiful and somewhat entertaining. However, it didn't deliver on its promise of being an ode to journalism. An ode to journalism to me is focusing on the very writers who create the journalism for us. Neglecting those characters in the film was a huge mistake. I would also forewarn any potential viewer that the Wes Anderson quirkiness is certainly not for everyone. Some people like to work to find the message in a movie and some just like to have a simple, fun viewing experience. This movie is not made for the latter group. After about an hour of this film, and after I suffered through all the over-the-top artsy quirks that I could handle, I was ready to go home. Despite my harsh review of this movie (with, might I add, absolutely no qualifications that allow me to have a respected opinion on this subject), there was one line at the very end of the film that stuck with me. The character Nescaffier (played by Steve Park) said something brilliant about being a foreigner in his final scene. Nescaffier said: "I'm not brave. I just wasn't in the mood to be a disappointment to everybody." Is this not the entire essence of the human experience?



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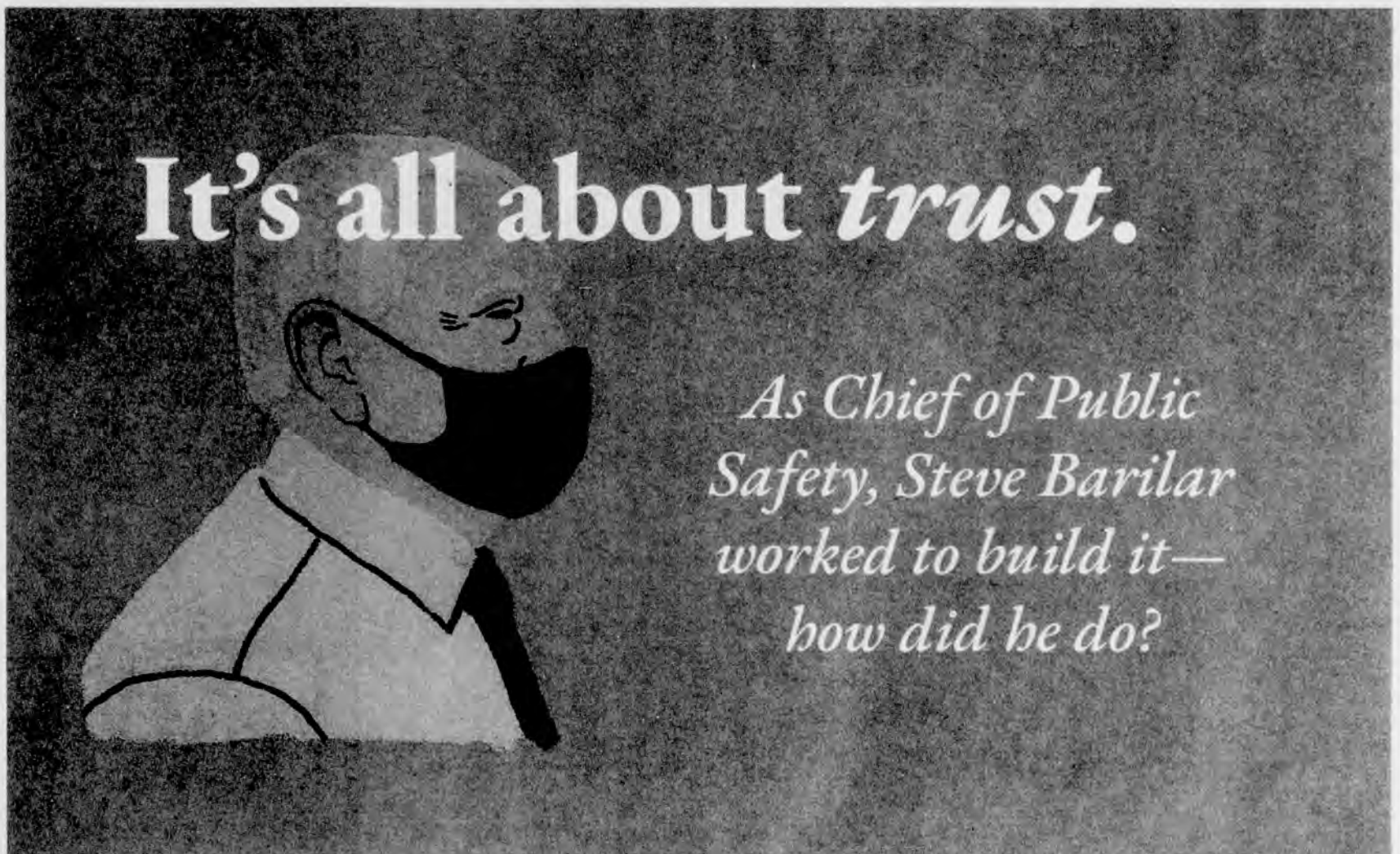
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Nick DeMarchis
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During an interview with outgoing Chief of Public Safety Steve Barilar on Jan. 18th, the editorial staff of the Bucknellian briefly chatted with Barilar about campus, post-graduation plans, and the paper. As with most interviews we conduct, we explained that the story would be out the following Friday.

"I'll be gone by then," Barilar added, smiling slightly. He was moving to Florida, after all.

Just hours after our interview concluded, news broke of a lawsuit against the University. Earlier in January, the University was sued by former Public Safety officer Colby Snook in an employment dispute, filed under the Pa. Whistleblower Law at the Union County courthouse. Crucially, the lawsuit implicated the Chief himself; Barilar was accused of permitting a student "to destroy potentially relevant evidence"

while under investigation for harassing a female student in a restroom in May 2021.

Throughout our interview last week, Barilar proved upbeat and easygoing. He opened the door — squint and raised cheeks betraying a mask-hidden smile — and showed the way into his office. Priding himself on keeping his interview short and to the point, we barely had time to set up the audio recorder before the conversation began.

Of all the things Chief Barilar mentioned through our 45 minutes together, he spoke most of the trust among students, and culture among officers, he worked to create during his time here. He described it as a holistic, everyday approach.

"As much as I hate to say it," Barilar continued, "the only good thing I can say to happen out of Covid is more students got to know Public Safety because we were doing a [...] ton of transporting. So

they got to meet us, and they got to talk to us [at] a time that there was a lot of stress for them."

Barilar has found the same sentiment among other officers in the department, who all want to make Bucknell "a safe community where students feel comfortable saying, 'Hey, I need a hand.'"

"The officers here would do anything for the students," he added.

One of the reasons Barilar mentioned enjoying his work with students was that the options aren't simply "arrest" or "don't arrest."

Speaking to the University's judicial review process, he explained that Public Safety "should be preparing people for the real world... People do make mistakes. If they make mistakes, correct that mistake, and let that person move on."

"We shouldn't be looking to ruin anybody's life."

"Now, a sexual assault or an assault, that's a different thing: those should go criminal, he

quickly added. "But when you're looking at minor offenses, it's really nice to have where you can do an educational piece."

When we asked Barilar about his most memorable learning experience on campus, he told us it was "an open house at the 7th Street House." The 7th Street House, at the corner of Moore Avenue, is the Umoja affinity, whose mission "is to convene Black people and other people of color in order to create an environment where minorities feel welcomed and comfortable on Bucknell's campus," according to Bucknell's site.

"We brought the chief of Buffalo Valley [Regional] Police into that meeting," Barilar explained, "and just had an open house discussion with those students telling us about their life experiences with law enforcement."

"I'll be honest: I came here, I'd say, a little naïve, thinking that all

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Daisy Auger-Domínguez of VICE Media Group, announced as 2022 Commencement speaker

Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

President John Bravman announced in a campus-wide email on Monday, Jan. 24 that Daisy Auger-Domínguez '95 was selected to be the keynote speaker at the 2022 Commencement ceremony. Ceremonies will take place in-person on May 22.

Auger-Domínguez, chief people officer at Vice Media Group, is renowned for her storied career in creating and implementing diversity, equity and inclusion strategies for some of the largest companies in the world.

She graduated from the University with a bachelor of arts degree in international relations and women's & gender studies in 1995.

"I'm deeply honored to be asked to deliver this year's

Commencement address at my alma mater," Auger-Domínguez noted in the University press release. "The first thing I did was tell my father, who is still beaming with pride from when he saw me receive my diploma. It feels like it was only yesterday when I was sitting in those folding chairs contemplating what the future held for me and my small cohort of largely BIPOC [Black, Indigenous and people of color] friends who had built such deep bonds. I promise to make it short, candid and impassioned."

Her anticipated book, *Inclusion Revolution: The Essential Guide to Dismantling Racial Inequity in the Workplace*, is said to explore common reasons how diversity, equity and inclusion strategies fail in workplaces. The book is set to release in March.

"We are honored to welcome Ms. Auger-Domínguez back to Bucknell, where she majored in international relations and women's & gender studies," said Bravman in a January 24 email. "As an innovative executive, champion of diversity and dedicated community volunteer, she exemplifies the power of Bucknellians to make an impact on the world."

The press release provides more information on her work history and current other positions she holds on various non-profit boards.

"I'm very excited that she will be giving the commencement speech this year," said Abby Whitaker '22. "She's a Bucknell graduate who has accomplished many great feats. I think that it will hit home for a lot of students to see an alumni speak, knowing they can accomplish great things too."



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BSG ELECTIONS

beginning soon to fill open seats

Dora Kreitzer
Assistant News Editor

Over the next two weeks, the Bucknell Student Government (BSG) will be running elections to fill the open seats in BSG for the second semester, which includes at least one seat in the Class Senate for the classes of 2023-2025 and five of the seven BSG specialized committees.

Candidates can campaign between Jan. 24 and Jan. 31, with student voting being conducted on Feb. 1 and results announced the following day.

BSG President Bernadette Maramis '24 discussed the BSG voting process. "BSG could not function without the seats filled, as there is a specific amount of people needed to take part in the voting process of resolutions and to even hold Congress," Maramis said.

"One of the most crucial functions of BSG is to provide representation for every student on campus," Class of 2024 President Elena Roe said. "To be frank, the function of a PWI [predominantly-White institution] lends itself to the consistent silencing of students of color, LGBTQ+ students and other marginalized groups on campus. The influence of organizations on campus that are centers of privilege (i.e. Greek Life organizations) is profoundly greater at Bucknell than that of many other students and organizations (such as those with a multicultural focus, or those centered on activism). This is evidenced by instances of inexcusable violence and prejudice on campus, as well as the perpetually expressed negative experiences within Bucknell's marginalized communities."

Roe also elaborated her own view of Student Government at the University. "BSG can and should function as an equitable force that opposes institutional and systemic injustice, and truly catalyzes greater diversity and inclusion on [our] campus in a non-performative, assertive manner," Roe said.

"As with any representative body, BSG has had moments of success and failure in this objective. But one of the greatest priorities of BSG's Executive Committee is rebuilding trust between these communities and the organization charged with representing them. BSG is a space for all voices, and as such, what we as an organization view as the 'Bucknell experience' must be informed by that of the collective, not simply those in positions of privilege."

"Without the perspectives of every student and group on campus represented, BSG fails to live up to its charter, and as such I cannot express how crucial true equity and inclusion is to the function of Student Government."

Each Class Senate is made up of Class Executives (President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer) and seven Senators to, according to the BSG website, "identify and address issues that pertain to each class year, promote class unity and uphold traditions." Both the 2023 and 2024 classes have four open Senate positions, with the Class of 2025 offering one open position. Each Senator is also assigned to work on specialized committees, which also have House Delegates who are not part of the Class Senate but still

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breaking the bubble

Julianna Collins
News Co-Editor

DOMESTIC

Approximately 76 percent of people in the United States have received one dose of the vaccine against COVID-19, 64 percent of the population have received two doses as of Jan. 25 and 40 percent of those 65 percent have received a booster. States with the highest vaccination rates include Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont and Maine according to U.S. News.

Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is retiring at the end of his term. The Senate will have to approve Breyer's replacement and Vice President Harris can break a tie if needed. During Biden's campaign, he mentioned that he would nominate a black woman to the supreme court. There is speculation that it could be Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson.

INTERNATIONAL

Germany recently refused to join NATO in providing weapons to Ukraine, creating tension with allies and has led the head of the German Navy to resign. The controversy comes amid a mounting crisis on the Ukrainian border, where a large buildup of Russian troops has stoked fears of potential war.

A military junta has taken power in the Western African nation of Burkina Faso after a coup d'état deposed President Roch Marc Christian Kaboré on Monday, Jan. 24. Fusillades of gunfire echoed throughout the Burkinabé capital of Ouagadougou on Sunday, followed by a rapid seizure of the capital's military barracks and dissolution of the chambers of democratic governance.

Pete Davidson draws large crowd at Sojka

Ellie Lowe
Staff Writer

This past Sunday, Bucknell welcomed actor and comedian Pete Davidson for a Question & Answer session at Sojka Pavilion, organized through the CAP Center.

Davidson is well known for his role on the late-night comedy sketch show Saturday Night Live as well as his acting and stand-up comedy performances.

Davidson was joined on stage by Abby Neff '22 who acted as the moderator for the night, but the Lectureship Committee was tasked with the planning of the night.

The questions she asked were pre-submitted questions from students that ranged from "Who is your favorite person to collaborate with?" to "What is your

Chipotle order?"

Some other topics of discussion were the location of the university, Davidson's favorite works and his interactions with other comedians. Davidson sprinkled many anecdotes and jokes into his responses.

"The Lectureship Committee gave me a list of questions that students submitted," said Neff. "I also submitted my own questions. I had the list on stage but he was making great eye contact, so I wasn't able to look down to read it."

Although there wasn't much interaction between Davidson and the crowd, the conversation between Davidson and Neff flowed nicely.

Neff said, "Pete Davidson was very nice and very chill. I was able to be in his green room

backstage before the show with all of his friends and him. They were watching football and joking around about what they did that week and how SNL went the previous night."

"My favorite part of the experience was being able to meet Pete Davidson and go back and forth with him on stage. It was crazy being able to meet a comedian as high profile as him," said Neff.

Students present seemed to enjoy hearing him speak, with the crowd laughing frequently at his jokes and stories.

"It was funny, and I liked to learn about the projects he's learning on, like his new show," said Michael Schwarz '23.

"Pete was really funny and it was a really nice way to end the first week of classes," said Gracie Mitchell '23.



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Delegates who are not part of the Class Senate but still attend Congress as voting members focusing specifically on their specialized committee's objectives. Of the seven BSG committees, the five with openings are Student Advocacy, Academic Affairs, Community Affairs, Diversity and Sustainability.

"I would strongly recommend that people apply to BSG as it is a great way to get plugged into the

[University] community," Maramis said. "As an organization that caters to all members of our student body, we play a substantial and active role in planning activities and initiatives that foster a community of inclusivity and kindness. When joining BSG, you are entering a space of driven, motivated and talented individuals that are dedicated to making [the University] a better place."



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Multi-faith commemoration of MLK reminds attendees that there is still progress to be made

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As a part of the 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. Week "Mighty Causes Calling: Community, Coalition & Radical Revolution," the Multi-Faith Commemoration of the Life and Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. drew people of all faiths and backgrounds to Rooke Chapel on Sunday, Jan. 23 to honor his incredible work.

This year, given that the King family requested that people not celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day without the passage of voting rights legislation, this was aptly not a celebration but a commemoration of the work and progress made by King and a call for everyone to be persistent in righting the wrongs that continue today.

While the event is typically called the "Multi-Faith Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. King," the slight linguistic change did not affect the tone: commemorating Dr. King's legacy, honoring the loss and voicing calls to action. There was an environment of community and inspiration, strengthened through readings, prayers and collective song.

"The atmosphere was one of anticipation and there was a sense of renewed hope in the air. As Rev. Kurt Nelson and President John Bravman highlighted, it was great for us to gather in spite of the reality that COVID is still with us. We were all there gathered in community to be reminded of our call to fight for justice for all peoples lives, that is directly reflective of the prophetic witness of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and so many others. Some things must be done in community and [the MLK commemoration] is one of those things," Gospel Music Fellow Rev. Karlos Nichols said.

The selected readings at the service were all drawn from King's final sermon "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution," whose words many speakers pointed out still ring true today, 54 years after the speech was delivered.

"When you read a bunch of King's work, you see how often he weaves in repeating themes, so there are some great highlights. But the central image of being awake amidst all the shifting landscape felt especially poignant in this moment of demand for racial justice and equity - especially as concerns voting rights and access," Rev. Kurt Nelson, director of Religious & Spiritual Life said.

"Dr. King leaves us always with responsibility and action as an orientation for how we are supposed to be in the world.

That is: we think and we do, we speak because we can do, we do because we have a shared sense of accountability to the world that we want to create," Associate provost of Equity & Inclusive Excellence and Professor Nikki Young said.

On top of readings of King's final sermon done by Bucknell Student Government President Bernadette Maramis '24, Associate Provost Young, Black Student Union President Bryanni Williams '23 and Vice President Jala Grant '22, there were also readings and prayers from the Muslim, Jewish and Sikh traditions.

"Indeed, God does not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves. To reiterate and reinforce, we cannot begin to see change in the world until we see to the change that needs to occur in ourselves. And in King's words 'change does not roll on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle.' Struggle is an inevitable reality but also an essentiality. Struggle is often seen as something negative, but struggling towards the betterment of oneself... will lead to something beautiful," Muslim Student Association Secretary and Multi-Faith Fellow Ibrahim Ware '24 said.

"In these times in which safety and freedom are daily on the line, especially for those of us who hold historically marginalized and oppressed identities, it is often easier to walk through the world awake, but in a slumber. Dr. King's message of remaining awake is more crucial today than ever before. Apathy is appealing. Numbness is tempting. So each day, God renews not only our bodies but our will to go through life eyes-wide-open. What a great burden and what a fantastic blessing it is" Jewish Chaplain Rabbi Jessica Goldberg said.

"Today we are gathered together to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. King in the context of another year of disruption, upheaval, continued injustice, and loss... I find myself often coming back to two specific lines these days, when I feel exhausted and overwhelmed by the current state of our nation... Oh Lord, grant me this, that I do not hesitate from performing good actions, I may not fear the enemy when I go to fight, and assure me I may become victorious," Multi-Faith Fellow Jasmine Minhas '22 said.

"We need space to build those relationships, have those encounters, and pique our curiosity about our classmates and neighbors. And we need space, as Valerie Kaur says, to imagine a world defined by love and justice," Nelson said.

Much of the music was organized by Rev. Karlos Nichols, who visits monthly to do Gospel Sings and micro-teachings of context for the music. Nichols not only performed songs by himself and arranged songs for the Rooke Chapel Gospel Choir, but he also led the attendees in powerful and uniting songs that were able to tell a story that words might otherwise fail to capture. For the MLK commemoration, Rev. Nichols chose largely Gospel, Negro Spirituals and African American Hymns.

"I find that it is important to always honor the gift of music that was given by my ancestors, even when hope seemed so far away as it did for them. The structure, the text, and the use of hope-laced lyrics are strong reminders of God's presence and it always brings a calming assurance that the work that myself and many others do is still valid. When I sing spirituals and gospel music, I can hear and see my mother, my grandmother, my aunts, and all of those who came before me singing along also. These are their songs, they are now my songs, and they will be the generation after me's songs also. 'If I can Help Somebody' was a favorite of Dr. King's and it was only fitting that his admiration for a 'still so current' current be included in the commemoration. Every song [at the commemoration] he and all leaders were extremely familiar with," Rev. Nichols said.

"The movement is rooted in song and we will sing today... music was and is the lifeblood of movements. And the spirituals that rang out on plantations hundreds of years ago, traveled through the ears and voices of oppressed and enslaved folk and rang out anew in the protests of the 1950s and 60s and speak to us today still of a hope beyond hope. So we raise our voices in their memory but also rooted in this time and this place" Rev. Nelson said.

Rev. Nelson hopes that attendees take away "first, that we stand on the shoulders of many people in our work toward a more just world. And second, the call to action, that the struggle demands our presence and work. And third, that hope transcends. These are hard days, just to survive and navigate the mundane - let alone organize and advocate and build coalitions. But faith means - as King said - taking the first step, even when we can't see the whole staircase."

Though MLK week activities are coming to a close, there are a few remaining events. For those interested, visit bucknell.edu/MLKWeek for the most up-to-date information.

Delayed test results mark troubled return to University

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Nearly two years after original reports of the virus resulted in nationwide university shutdowns, the novel coronavirus continues to menace university planning across the globe. Higher learning in general has struggled to adapt to a disorienting disease environment, made still more complex by a proliferation of variants, diverse in their virulence and contagiousness. Particularly, the dizzying rise in cases of the "Omicron variant" has freshly overwhelmed hospitals and schools since its first discovery in November of 2021.

Universities who had sought to "return to normal" last semester now found themselves reimposing remote learning protocols, filling isolation housing, and mandating COVID-19 testing for their student populations. Bucknell was one such institution; on January 5th President Bravman announced a pre-arrival testing requirement requiring "all Bucknell students, including those who are vaccinated, to take a COVID-19 test three days or 72 hours before arrival on campus in order to begin classes." Test kits were shipped to students' permanent home addresses in advance of their arrival to ensure the appropriate identification and isolation of COVID-positive students.

But the testing kits posed challenges for the beginning of the spring semester. Late arrival of tests at students' homes often complicated their arrival and enrollment, especially since those without available negative test results were instructed not to attend class. "Due to delays with some test processing as well as inclement weather," Dean of Students Amy Badal wrote as late as Jan. 18, the first day of classes, "your test results may not yet be available." Students were instructed to contact their professors to explain their absence, with the assurance that "they will be flexible as we begin the semester."

Matt McMullen '24 received his test on Thursday, Jan. 13, six days prior to the start of classes. "I didn't receive my results until the following Wednesday (almost a week!)," McMullen noted, explaining that he "had to miss the first day of classes on Tuesday and I was starting to get anxious." Matt was one of a number of students who missed their first classes due to testing delays.

"It's ridiculous that it took almost a week for the results to arrive," McMullen added, "when I actually should've received them days before."

When asked about the number of students with outstanding test results on the first day of classes, Director of Communications Mike Ferlazzo explained that since "results were still coming in on that day and some students did not arrive on campus until later in the week," a count of students who missed class as a result of the policy was indeterminate.

In his Jan. 5 email announcing the mandatory testing, Bravman did offer alternatives for students who were not able to utilize and return their test kits in advance of their

return. COVID-19 PCR testing was available to students upon arrival to campus; the University also offered students the opportunity to obtain PCR testing on their own time and submit results to Bucknell's Medical Records service. However, students who chose the first option were not instructed to quarantine after their testing was completed, the results of which took as many as two days to return. Many of those returning early to campus - including those who would later return positive results - had interaction with other students on campus for several days prior to receiving notice of a positive test.

When prompted about University plans to track COVID, Catherine O'Neil, medical director at the University's Student Health Office, noted that the office was "testing all symptomatic students, as long as there's not another diagnosable illness, such as flu, strep or mono present." While students will not be required to submit to weekly testing, O'Neil conceded, prevalence of COVID-19 on campus will instead be monitored through surveillance and analysis of University wastewater.

O'Neil also acknowledged the increased contagiousness of Omicron over other variants of COVID-19. "Thankfully," she added, "all of our students are completely up to date, except for those who were granted exemptions," and thus "if they do develop a breakthrough infection, they will likely have minimal symptoms."

As the number of coronavirus cases on the Bucknell COVID-19 tracker mount - with 33 active on-campus cases at time of writing - murmurs about the possibility of a "remote option." During the fall and spring semesters of the 2020-2021 academic year, students were offered the opportunity to attend classes remotely; contingencies that encouraged use of the remote option included students who had a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, or those exposed to a student who later tested positive. However during the fall 2021 semester, in the wake of a vaccination requirement by the University, the "remote option" was abrogated and all students were again required to attend classes in person.

When asked about the possibility of a remote option for the spring semester, Ferlazzo expressed confidence in the in-person model observed during the fall. "As President Bravman stated in his Jan. 5 'Return to Campus' email, 'All courses will be taught in person, without a remote option,' he noted in an email response to the Bucknellian. "We'll continue to monitor the health conditions moving forward, but we hope to get through the semester in person, just like we did last semester."

"We know the proper mitigation methods that are effective, but we also know what's best for a Bucknell education," Ferlazzo explained, "and that's in-person instruction."

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"I'll be honest: I came here, I'd say, a little naïve, thinking that all cops are good and people look at police as all being good. It wasn't until I sat down and listened to students tell their stories of their life experience that I realized, 'You know, we need to change.'"

He clarified that reform efforts in the department weren't simply in response to national movements for police reform that began in June 2020. Instead, Barilar said, "it's been longer than that, that we've really gone and tried to get trained, educated, and to earn the trust and respect of students."

But not all students have expressed trust in Public Safety in recent memory. On May 13, 2021, a large group of students attempted to break into the University's dedicated LGBTQ+ housing — now called Fran's House — despite repeated requests from the residents for them to leave. The house's RA Tyler Luong alleged that night the group was "banging against our doors and windows, swing[ing] a metal bar at our flag pole that displays our pride flag," as well as "urin[ing] on our front porch."

When Public Safety officers arrived on scene, they allegedly fraternized openly with those trying to break in, "laugh[ing] at the situation" and promised that the students would "get access to [Fran's House] when finals week was over, shaking each and every one of their hands."

"We make progress," Barilar recounted, "and then sometimes things happen, and we've gotta start all over again."

In regard to the incident at Fran's House that occurred on May 13, he observed that "Fran's House called us that day. That's a huge step. Years ago, that would not happen; they would not have called Public Safety."

"So, we are doing good. Did some things wrong, we gotta do better... Acknowledge when we make mistakes, because we're not perfect, and then just do better."

Overall, Barilar was encouraged by the trust built between "PSafe" and the student body. "To me, if students are calling us, then we're doing it right, we're earning that respect," he said. "We're not always going to be perfect, but we sure as hell better work on it."

News broke of former officer Colby Snook's lawsuit just a few hours after the Bucknellian's interview with Barilar, in the afternoon hours of Jan. 18.

Snook alleges that he responded to a call on May 17, 2021 around 2 a.m., in which the caller claimed that a male student was "trespassing and subsequently harassing a female student in a female restroom." The victim stated that the male student "used his cell phone to invade her privacy."

Public Safety logs from that night indeed indicate an incident of stalking at McDonnell Hall at 2:09 a.m., as well as two additional instances of harassment of communications that same day.

The alleged culprit's phone was placed into evidence at Public Safety headquarters on Snake Road, behind Trax Hall. Snook alleges that Barilar then met with the parents of the male suspect.

According to Snook, Barilar subsequently gave the student permission to access his phone. When the student later retrieved their phone from evidence, in the presence of both Barilar and Sergeant Darryl Fisher, the student revealed that "the files [were] gone." Fisher was the only officer who had a key to the evidence locker, according

to the complaint, and protested Barilar's order to surrender the phone to the student.

According to Snook, the student was able to factory reset his iPhone after it was confiscated. Such a reset would completely eliminate all existing information — including photos, apps and contacts — stored on the phone's memory.

Another officer applied for a warrant to search the student's phone, and several weeks later, according to the complaint, Snook learned the Pennsylvania State Police found the phone wiping program "was downloaded while the phone was inside Bucknell's Public Safety Office."

Snook states he then reached out to Bucknell's Executive Director of Human Resources Services, Marcia Cooney, about "a sensitive matter... regarding Chief Barilar."

Snook claims that after he learned that the specific male student "was a suspect in multiple similar incidents where female students were victimized," Snook also contacted the District Attorney of Union County, who is said to have referred it to the state Attorney General's office.

The Pennsylvania Attorney General's office declined to comment.

After allegedly meeting with the University's General Counsel and Chief of Staff Karin Riley, Snook notes that Riley "became visibly angry," and "threatened Snook about his future employment with Bucknell" while indicating that "his actions did not have the best interests of the university in mind."

Snook allegedly repeatedly reached out to Cooney to describe deteriorating circumstances for him in the Department, including hostility and fears of job security. He states he was only later informed that he was supposed to report misconduct to Vice President of Finance & Administration Eileen Petula.

After a meeting with Cooney and Vice President of Human Resources Pierre Joanis, Snook described anxiety induced by "what [he] reasonably believed to be threats by Bucknell that his whistleblowing was not viewed favorably."

Two officers resigned that summer: Sgt. Fisher, who allegedly protested Barilar's order to sur-

Police. "What do I know?" he asked himself upon retirement from the state police at 48. "I know law enforcement. So I actually came here as a night shift supervisor."

The next year, in 2012, Barilar became the University's Chief of Public Safety. Speaking to the Bucknellian that year, he said "In all of police work, the biggest challenge is to ensure the protection and safety of everyone in our community."

Some of his first shifts were 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. on "House Party Weekend." A notorious and now-defunct "uphill" event coordinated between fraternities and University officials, President Bravman announced its cancellation in 2013 after multiple hospitalizations and arrests among the student body. Barilar remembered, "when everybody kept warning me about Bucknell's house party, I'm thinking, 'here we go.'"

A 2013 email response from Barilar reflected this exasperation, noting to the Bucknellian that "The size and scope of House Party Weekend typically required us to have all of our officers on duty for at least a portion of the weekend. To put that in perspective, that's about three times the coverage of an average weekend on campus."

Both then and now, though, he contrasted the "tame" hijinks of House Party Weekend with those of nearby Bloomsburg. "It was kind of like a picnic compared to the Bloomsburg block party. I mean, here, students are just so polite. It really wasn't as bad as what I had seen in the past."

Compared to his time on the State Police, Barilar also found working at Bucknell to be significantly different. "You have people make mistakes," Barilar explained, "but generally people are pretty much honest. They'll stand up and say, 'Yes, I did do this, I made a mistake here' as opposed to the career criminals who would deny everything."

Snook's lawsuit, though, is not the first time that Barilar's conduct has been under the microscope.

In 2000, Barilar's wife was pulled over by State Trooper William T. Shugarts for speeding, according to a 2009 federal ruling. After Shugarts wrote a ticket, eventually Barilar — who was Lieutenant at the time with the Pennsylvania State Police — spoke to Shugarts on the phone. They did not know each other previously.

Shugarts argued that "Barilar asked him to get rid of his wife's ticket," while defendants in the lawsuit said Barilar lacked "any ulterior motive whatsoever in contacting the state trooper who pulled over his wife."

At the traffic trial of Barilar's wife, Shugarts "intentionally presented a sloppy case," according to court documents. He said this was because "he felt pressured to help Lt. Barilar's wife," but nonetheless felt the sum of the evidence "would be sufficient for a finding of guilt."

The judge "suspect[ed] the case was being fixed," dropped the charges, and called in Shugarts' supervisor. The supervisor submitted a complaint.

Barilar "was charged with Intimidation of Witness and Obstruction of the Administration of Justice," but those charges were also dropped due to contradictions in Shugarts' story.

These facts were established in a lawsuit, Shugarts v. Tripp, where Shugarts claims that his

free speech and equal protection rights were violated after being fired from the Pennsylvania State Police. That lawsuit was dismissed.

Through Barilar's time at Bucknell, though, the habits of the student body began to shift.

"When I first came here," he said, "the majority of the parties were on campus. Now, you almost never see any registered parties; everything is downtown now, and it's pretty much dictated by Greek life."

Barilar noted the effects of downtown parties' association with Greek life could have on the campus.

"Yes, there's some athletic teams [downtown], but it's by and large Greek Life. And I could see some benefits to, maybe, see somebody else have that control down there [downtown] and see if it would change the atmosphere on campus."

Why? When parties move downtown, Barilar said, Public

I hope I leave campus with people looking at Public Safety differently...

Safety loses the ability to mediate on students' behalf.

"I have zero control over downtown. I have no authority once you get off campus," so, Barilar explained, "now, you're losing that educational part of it that we could do" because those parties have predominantly moved downtown.

He noted that one of the consequences of the Greek move downtown, compounded with the pandemic, was the increase in alcohol-related transports.

In November 2021, Barilar told the Bucknellian, "there have been 47 alcohol overdoses at this time period compared to 28 at this time period in 2020. That trend may reflect a troubling national trend showing alcohol consumption has increased during the COVID-19 pandemic."

"However," he continued, "the majority of the calls for public safety transports due to student intoxication are as a result of students calling concerned about the welfare of another student, which is very positive."

Last week, Barilar's voice softened as he discussed the circumstances for those transports.

"If our numbers [for alcohol-related transports] are real high, and we have a lot of — they might fear someone's gonna die," he said.

Due to the pandemic, Barilar reflected, "the coping mechanism a lot of people turn to is alcohol and drugs... the numbers are saying there's a problem out here that needs to be addressed."

And in response to those increased transports, Barilar again emphasized the benefits of Public Safety's resolution process.

"The referrals are an educational piece. It's not a piece to try and jam people, but to hopefully learn from mistakes," he explained.

He references the Medical Amnesty policy, which can apply if students seek "immediate medical assistance for their members or guests when any potential health risk is observed, including medical emergencies related to the consumption or use of alcohol or drugs." In those cases, where a negative mark would usually be placed on a student's conduct record, those students can instead be referred to counseling and educational opportunities.

"I've heard talk about going to

more of a restorative justice program," Barilar continued, and "going to that program, it might be a way to change behaviors. I'd love to see that."

In addition to having all the powers to arrest and detain possessed by any Pennsylvania police officer, Public Safety officers also usually carry a regulation firearm.

Barilar reported that those firearms have never been discharged outside of training, not only during his time here, but since Public Safety officers at Bucknell were armed.

When explaining why Public Safety officers are armed, he leaned forward on his desk, quickly exhaled and then looked up intently.

"We don't ever want to have a Virginia Tech happen here," he said. "The last thing myself or my officers would want is for us to be standing by while people are being held, hurt, or killed, and we have no way to help them. It would break our hearts."

In April 2007 at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA, 32 people were killed by senior Seung-Hui Cho. It remains the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history.

"If [Public Safety] being armed has prevented that from happening, or has prevented any actions from happening, then that is phenomenal."

In 2013 Barilar felt similarly, telling the Philadelphia Inquirer, "You hate to say it, but society as it is, the school shootings... you want people trained who can respond as quickly as possible."

Anticipating a question on whether Public Safety needs firearms if they've never been used, he spoke about violent crime that has happened near campus.

"Since I've been here," Barilar said, "we've had a shooting that happened behind the Comfort Inn & Suites. We had a guy pull a gun on students on the intersection of Saint George and 6th Street. We had a person stabbed to his death on South 7th Street. So we can't say that we live in our Bucknell bubble and nothing happens here."

"I mean, we live in a world where there are threats, and if [Public Safety] being armed has prevented things from happening here, that's a win," he said.

As Barilar's tenure as Bucknell's Chief of Public Safety approached its end, we noted incoming Chief of Public Safety Anthony Morgan is scheduled to begin work on Feb. 1.

"I've talked to Anthony a number of times," Barilar responded quickly. "He sounds phenomenal, a great people person, who really wants to come in and get to know the students."

But after we asked Barilar how he wishes to be remembered by the University, he hesitated a moment.

"I hope that I can say that I've earned the students' trust. I mean I've had students call me at home, you know. I just—" Barilar said, pausing again. "Looking back, it's been a great experience for me."

Save his three days off during last-spring semester, "I was working probably 10-to-12-hour days, and that's because of how much I care for the students."

"I hope I leave campus with people looking at Public Safety differently," he explained, "and looking at us as being a resource, and somebody that they would reach out, and that they would trust."

"God knows that's the number one thing I've been trying to do for years."

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Students Desperate to keep Holidays going create Fake Celebration On-Campus

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The holiday barrage of Halloween, Thanksgiving, Festivus, New Year's Eve and National Hangover Day, can lead to a distinct withdrawal when the next celebration, Valentine's Day, is an entire month away. Somebody could have a birthday, but it just wouldn't be the same. To amend that distinct loss of joy that comes with the end of the season, University students have come up with a new kind of holiday (and no, it has nothing to do with binge drinking). Everybody, prepare for National "Just Do It" Day! (Jan. 24)

You want to wear pajamas all day? Just do it!

You want to put in a political joke that will offend half your audience? Just do—wait, wait, never mind.

You want to shout fire in a crowded theater? Just do it—What? I can't? Since when?

While this is going on, University scholars continually debate the question of "What is a holiday?" Are holidays just events that are sanctioned by the government, like Thanksgiving or Independence Day, or could we as a people celebrate something smaller? National "Just Do It" Day is just one of many little-known holidays. In fact, there's likely a holiday for literally everything. National Potato Day is Aug. 19. Boxing Day is celebrated after Christmas (hah!). Play Your Ukulele Day is on Feb. 2. What does it take for anyone day to receive national attention? Are there any holidays now that could (and should) be removed from the celebration list? I, for one, would vote to remove Super Bowl Day, but that's just because football and I are mortal

enemies, much like tacks and balloons, or common sense and anybody I disagree with.

Nevertheless, holidays big and small represent our values and beliefs as a community. Some cretins may criticize this point by asking "What does National 'Just Do It' Day say about our University community?" And to be completely honest, I don't know.

Maybe this holiday might have been invented to keep people active or to give them an excuse to dive into various vices, but then again, by the time this will be published, it would be too late to celebrate it anyways. On the bright side though, Jan. 28 is National Kazoo day, and if all of the holidays were ranked in order of enjoyment, that would certainly be one of them.

Mu Variant Discovered, School Braced for more than Bovine Flu

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As universities across the country continue to battle the Omicron variant of COVID-19, an entirely new variant has emerged from around the University – the Mu variant. Spreading via Yik Yak, the Mu variant has many symptoms including voluntarily drinking milk and loud braying about campus food.

We have two percent milk, whole milk, chocolate milk, goat milk, you name it. Who needs all these different types of milk when the average person doesn't drink a single glass of it? Well, it now seems that milk finally has a purpose for some infected students; they have been drinking it to fulfill their despicable appetite. Our fallen victims of the Mu variant can be seen on the @glassof-milkbucknell Instagram page, where not only are

milk drinkers exposed, but others are warned of what it is like to catch the Mu variant. One student with the Mu variant has seen with not one, not two, not three – but seven glasses of the indigestible concoction. Hopefully their toilet makes it out alive. Recording many instances of victims shamelessly chugging down milk like there's no tomorrow, the account's vigilant protectors are doing society a favor.

Mu has also affected an exciting addition to the Bostwick – the smoothie bar. Many students have been anticipating the smoothie bar over winter break and when it finally opened, it had the same amount of people as those who went to see "Spider-Man: No Way Home" on opening weekend. However, the line Mu-ves really slow. With

the smoothie bar being fairly new, those who caught the Mu variant are infectiously excited. As one herd of friends would get a table to sit near the bar, so too would another herd of students, and another and another. As one worker goes behind the smoothie bar, a herd would hungrily trot over, causing the workers to repeatedly tell them that they are not open yet. And when students finally get their hooves on the smoothies after waiting in line for hours, not only do they chug it down, they also praise how "udderly" delicious it is.

As it is important to wear masks in buildings, it is also important to not be on Yik Yak as the Mu variant would tempt us to drink milk or to crowd around the smoothie bar area.

Pete Davidson: Hot or Not?

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This past Sunday, American comedian and actor Pete Davidson did a Q&A set up by the CAP Center here at the University. University students submitted many questions for Davidson to answer, ranging from asking about his career on Saturday Night Live (SNL), a show that only people who think they're niche watch regularly, to his personal life, which students didn't care enough about hearing as many left early while he was talking. The comedian answered the questions in his usual fashion, even cracking a few jokes about Lewisburg's weather and weekend activities for students.

However, there were many questions students had that they were unable to ask. What does he have against Lehigh? Does he drink milk? Why doesn't he like black beans? This event made me ask a question of my own. But it's not one that Davidson can answer, it's a question for the students of the University.

Why do people find Pete Davidson hot?

This is something many have debated for a while, across the internet and especially locally on Yik Yak. Davidson's visit to campus prompted many to provide their own opinions on the online platform. Many say that his natural charm and comedic talents are what make him a catch, and many also enjoy his laid-back style. Then there are those who enjoy that sorta sickly-Victorian-child-turned-punk look he has.

It's those comments that surround conversations of Davidson's attractiveness that make it hard to understand people's stance on the topic, but everyone has a type. For some, that's a guy who looks like he would be the only human in a Muppet movie – for others, it's not. For some people it's his tattoos, while for others, it's his ears; they're so pointy, maybe his next animal photoshoot should be with vampire bats. They would

certainly go with the tall, pale and dead look he's got going on some days.

No official surveys have been done, but talk around campus and online heavily suggests that most of the women who went to the event went to see Davidson in person (likely something about his attractiveness), while most of the men present were hoping to glean some sort of understanding of what could make them more attractive in general. The audience was unable to ask such questions, but just from looks alone, the key seems to be: be attractive, be tall, have lots of tattoos, stay out of the sun and don't sleep for several days.

All in all, Davidson is a good guy with a good vibe, but he just also happens to look like those haggard Scooby-Doo villains from the 1970s. And that is just the type of guy University students are looking for. At the very least, we can say that in The Suicide Squad (2021), Davidson was much better looking than The Weasel.

Bucknell downtown parties halt, students forced to actually attend on campus events

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On Jan. 6, the Borough of Lewisburg suspended issuing social gathering permits for University students for 30 days. Soon after the news broke in an email from the President, students put their heads together and decided they had to get creative with their free time this winter.

While permits for off-campus parties have been suspended, on-campus activities are still in full swing. Many students decided the best way to deal with the less than ideal situation is to actually start showing up to campus-run activities, whether under the influence or not.

Last Friday, the CAP Center hosted a Bingo Bling event. A record-breaking number of students showed up, creating the need for an overflow room for participants. One student allegedly did a keg stand in the overflow room

after winning a single Bison Fresh smoothie coupon. Another student committed "Bingo fraud" – Public Safety was called to mitigate the dispute.

On Saturday, every single restaurant within a 30-mile range of the University had a line out the door composed of hungry students that did not know what to do with their Saturday afternoons. One group of frat brothers reportedly swung at a townie while in line at All Star for not wearing his mask over his nose.

On Sunday night, comedian Pete Davidson came to campus for a Q&A session with students. Davidson, unfortunately, did not acknowledge the University's standing and prestige as an Ivy League – as DJ Diesel, AKA Shaq, had declared last Fall.

Every single University student attended the event,

many in hopes of leaving with Davidson at the end of the night. Even so, a strong majority of attendants were there to meet Brent Papson, the guy who sends all the emails and introduced Sal Vulcano from Impractical Jokers. An astounding number of people attended the Q&A in their Skims outfits and left the event feeling inspired to stay in school thanks to Davidson's words of encouragement. As the wild night neared its end, students went back to their rooms and scrolled through Yik Yak for hours.

After a busy weekend of going to events and barely interacting with their peers, many students got back in touch with their hardworking academic selves. The library is reported to have been a COVID-19 hotspot this past Monday, as students were packed in like sardines.

New Bravshake Special Milkshake from 7th Street Cafe!

The newest Bravshake Special Milkshake from 7th Street Cafe is on sale now, from today until the end of the semester! It's got the taste of tuition on its tongue, because it's worth upwards of \$70,000! Using a special ingredient, watch as the faithful workers literally shred your money into bits in the pursuit of deliciousness!† Enjoy as your money has two scoops of peppermint ice cream dumped on it, along with the addition of whipped cream, and a lock of presidential hair. Cherry optional. Only \$5.99!‡



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Irresponsible Late-Night Sledding leads to Traffic Jam; Multiple injured

Maximus Bean

Satire Co-Editor

On Jan. 16, University students went sledding down a ramp behind Roberts Hall. However, they would all soon realize that this winter wonderland was in fact a winter none-derland as sleds and sled-adjacent objects were discovered piled into a heap the next morning. After the fact, witnesses report anywhere from 15-35 different household objects were used to "grind that hill." These makeshift sleds included trash-can tops, snowboards, tubes, penguins and Tupperware lids that slid down that treacherous terrain.

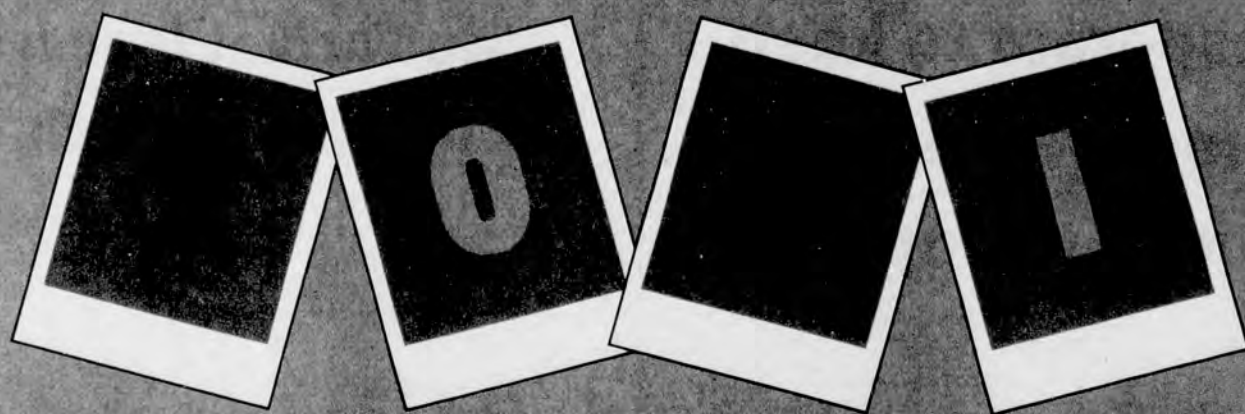
"It was absolutely insane!" remarked Snerdley Owen '22, a student who risked his life on the descent down the ice-laden path. "People were just diving in! It totally wrecked my shins, dude! I loved every second of it!"

When asked if he would reveal the names of the co-conspirators who had planned this scheme (obviously to cause disorder and discontent among the student body), Owen declined to respond and ran off, citing an unconvincing bathroom excuse.

The casualties of Sledmageddon (the official name of the event, as coined by fearful onlookers) had been astronomical – with 20 sprained wrists, 17 cases of ice-related accidents, two bushes, zero cases of frostbite and one broken arm in all. Despite these statistics, we have no idea of the true cost of this event to the student body. Based on the sheer amount of broken sleds alone, the cost may be in the upper forties.

This only serves to remind every one of us to remain careful of ice and

especially snow in general. Nobody really knows what those soft, cold, edible pieces of sky powder are anyways. First, it falls from the sky, and then it just sits there, waiting. Nobody knows what it's waiting for, but I've seen firsthand the carnage it would wreak on the population. People slip on it, throw it at one another and bring it into their homes! What is it even made of, could anyone tell me that? Only fools could believe that this stuff is made from water. I drink water! Can you eat snow and survive? I don't think so. Despite my numerous petitions to the University to ban this stuff, for some reason or another, they lack the gall to do so. If this "snow" keeps invading our campus spaces, then horrific events like Sledmageddon would be happening everywhere!



A Year in Review

21 things to remember on campus from 2021

Juliana Rodrigues
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1. In-Person Classes

After spending over a year participating in either remote or hybrid classes, the University started its fall 2021 semester with the return of in-person instruction – with masking – amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Both students and professors alike were happy to reconnect in the physical classroom.

2. Class of 2024 Matriculation and Candle-lighting Ceremonies

Many traditions were lost in the 2020-21 academic year as the university worked to adapt both daily practices and traditions in a pandemic safe manner. Before the start of the fall 2021 semester, second-year students who make up the class of 2024 had the opportunity to finally participate in their Matriculation and Candle-lighting ceremonies.

3. Holmes Hall

Fall 2021 brought the unveiling of the new management school and addition to the University: Holmes Hall. Holmes Hall recognizes University alum Steve Holmes '79 along with his wife Bonnie Bencsko Holmes '79. The building has now been a hot spot on campus for students having many classes in the space, utilizing the study rooms or just looking for a spot to pass time between meetings.

4. Pep Rally

Last year's isolation and overall erring-on-the-side-of-caution prevented many typical college experiences from occurring in their usual fashion. Thankfully, this past fall the University brought back a memorable aspect of college life with the return

of the pep rally following first-year orientation. The pep rally highlighted athletes and included performances from the Bisonettes, Bison Girls and the Cheer team. It was a lively night of excitement to set the fall semester off on the right foot.

5. Family Appreciation Weekend

Yet another tradition that was lost in the pandemic year but made its great return in 2021 was family weekend. During the weekend of Sept. 17, the hotels of Lewisburg and surrounding areas were booked and our campus was more crowded than usual with the families of University students. The energy was lively over the weekend with parents, siblings even grandparents experiencing a glimpse of campus life for the weekend.

6. Bingo Blingo

Yet another CAP Center event that kept students entertained on a Friday night was the electric Bingo Blingo on Sept. 3. With prizes ranging from University merch to a new iPad and Apple Pen students were on the edge of their seats throughout the event. Other sought-after prizes included a hydroflasks, a speaker, a printer, a TV and more.

7. Fetty Wap cancelling, ASAP Ferg chaos

Most of the student population was ready and excited for Fetty Wap's anticipated Aug. 27 performance. Chaos erupted throughout campus on the 26th when it was revealed that Fetty had canceled his performance. Thankfully, the University Cap Center and Brent Papsen saved the weekend with a last-minute A\$AP Ferg show.

15. Purple Thursday

To commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness month, Speak Up rallied students together on Oct. 21 to honor its Purple Thursday initiative. Students were encouraged to wear purple to show support for victim-survivors.

16. Fall Break

With COVID protocols came the long semesters of the 2020-21 academic year. Thankfully this fall we were able to relax and return home for a weekend in October for a much-needed fall break.

17. Women's Soccer Patriot League Champions

For the first time since 2017, the University women's soccer team won the Patriot League Championships. Ranked 4th, the women's team defeated top-seeded Boston University 1-0 in the finals. This was the fifth championship win for our women's team and a memorable moment for the University in 2021.

18. Speak Up's, "Take Back the Night"

On Nov. 4 the Bucknell SpeakUp organization hosted its annual "Take Back the Night" event. Students from across campus gathered in supporting and uplifting victim-survivors of

sexual assault. The event featured a solitary march, first opened with speeches, storytelling and poems from students.

19. "Cafsgiving"

The lines for Bostwick were out the doors only once last semester on the night of Nov. 11. Starting at 5 p.m. the University Dining Staff outdid themselves with the presentation and execution of Cafsgiving 2021. In addition to the typical Thanksgiving Dinner meal, a wide assortment of desserts ended the evening on a high note.

20. Sal Vulcano

Keeping the special appearances going, on Nov. 5 students gathered to enjoy some laughs from Impractical Joker comedian Sal Vulcano. Sal performed in Sojka Pavilion, but it was said that laughs throughout the performance could be heard from uphill.

21. Fall Dance Concert

While dance didn't stop at the University last year, unfortunately, in-person performances were put on pause. In December of 2021, Bucknell Dance Company brought back to the stage its Annual Fall Dance Concert. The performance featured choreography from faculty, guests and even students.



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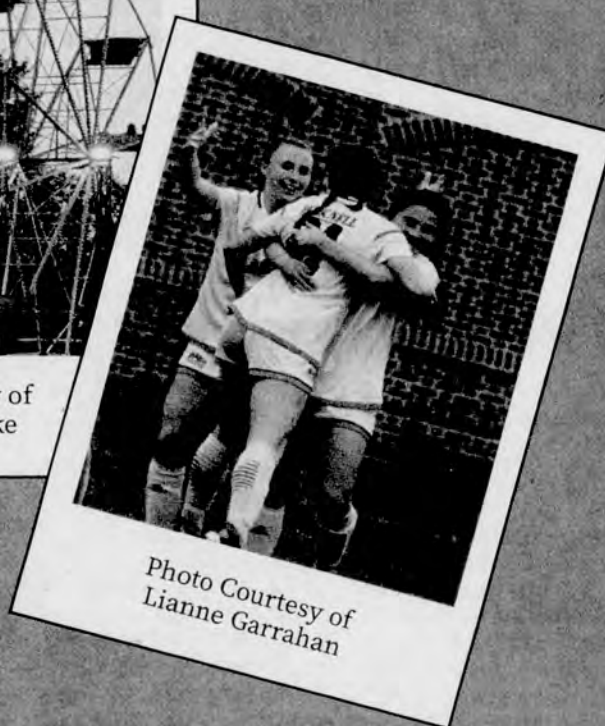


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Lianne Garrahan

8. Two Friends

Following the Fetty Wap and A\$AP Ferg drama, the energy was kept alive in Sojka Pavilion with a Two Friends appearance on Aug. 26.

9. Vedder Mold

Panic and confusion began early in the semester downhill in Vedder Hall, as perennial problems with dorm-room mold grew untenable. While many students across campus faced relocation and endured the countless mold treatments and protocols, Vedder students endured the worst of it throughout the semester. Half of the building is currently under construction as the university attempts to clean out the mold. But despite these troubles, Vedder is still standing – with half as many students as last semester and past years.

10. Fall Fest

Fall Fest, a University tradition that was put on pause in the height of the pandemic, made its comeback this past fall. Students from every class came out to enjoy the rides, crafts and different varieties of food. The festival also featured student performances followed by the main concert.

11. Shaq

Capping a memorable Fall Fest was the appearance and performance of "DJ

Diesel," stage alias of basketball legend Shaquille O'Neal. Students flooded the crowd with high energy on the Sojka Lawn for an incredible concert organized by the CAP Center and Activities and Campus Events.

12. Return of Yik Yak

Popular many years ago, the infamous Yik Yak application made its return this fall, spreading drama and news to all students one way or another. After a few weeks of Yik Yak commotion, students began forming strong feelings of either hate or adoration for the app. While it was a point of entertainment many times throughout the semester, some particularly eclectic thoughts and comments ensured regular controversy on the anonymous app.

13. Feria Latina

Bucknell LACOS celebrated culture at their Feria Latina event on Oct. 2 with food, music, face painting and more. The organization encouraged all students to attend and enjoy the festivities.

14. International Coming Out Day

The office of LGBTQ+ Resources put together a group photograph for International Coming Out Day. Students were invited to pick up a "Celebrate Difference" shirt supplied in a variety of colors to wear on Oct. 14 and in the photo on Rooke Science stairs.

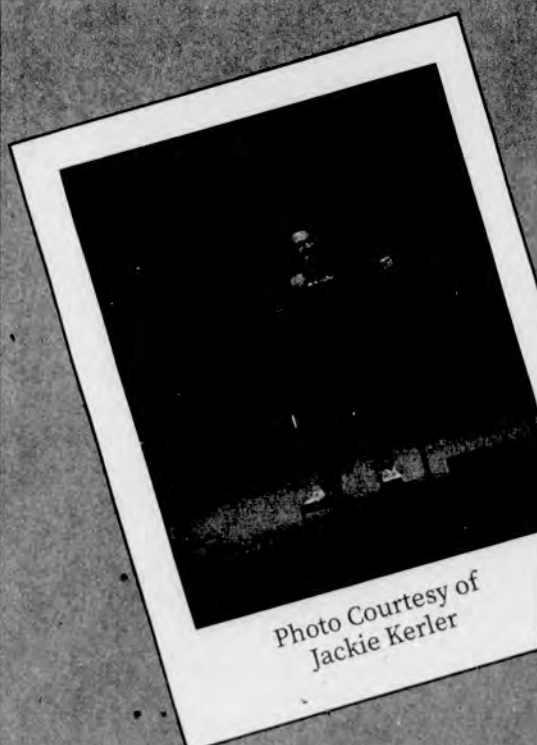
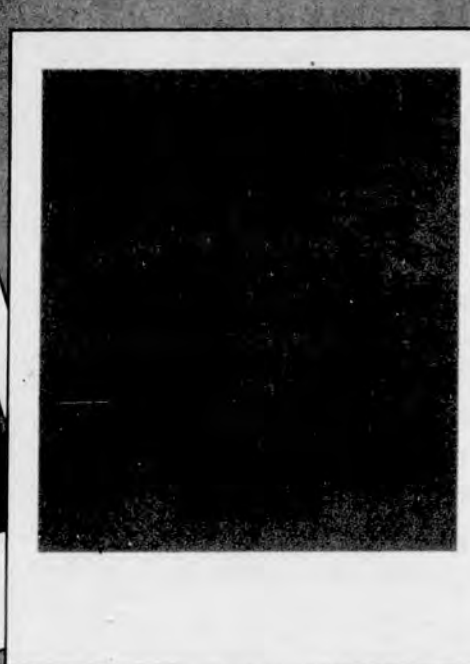


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Men and Women's Swimming and Diving defeat Mountain Hawks

Emily Doyle
Senior Writer

Lehigh hosted the Bison swimming and diving teams at Jacobs Pool on Saturday, Jan. 22 in the Bison's last dual meet of the season. The women's team defeated the Mountain Hawks 199-101, while the men's team also secured a victory with a score of 193-105.

Orange and Blue seniors Lindsey Bloom, Alexis Faria, Maddie Hartigan, Meagan Hathaway, Caroline Mayk, Isabella Smith and Meghan Taner, put forth a remarkable four-year experience graduating with an impressive overall record of 30-3 (23-3 PL) in dual meets. The class's only losses came against defending Patriot League champs, the Navy Midshipmen.

Abby Doss '24 led the way with three individual victories while Hartigan and Esme Hunter '24 added two apiece.

"This has been such a great season and I'm so excited to end my swimming career on a high note. The first-years have been a great addition to this team and everyone collectively has contributed such great energy. I'm really looking forward to championships this year!" Mayk said.

John Gehrig '24 and Chris Kopac '25 each won two events for the men. Gehrig outraced Lehigh in the 200 butterfly and 200 IM. Kopac emerged victorious in the freestyle races.

Will Cadwallader '22 competed in the 3-meter dive, Will Hedges '25 competed in the 200 breaststroke, Leo Kuyl '23 competed in the 50 freestyle, Liam Pitt '22 competed in the 100 butterfly and Christian Stef '23 competed in the 200 freestyle. Each secured the first-place spot.

"It was really fun to end our season with a winning record and on a victory over Lehigh who is one of our big rivalries. It puts us in a great spot heading into training for championships season, morale on the team is high and we are excited to compete at Patriot League Championships! It will be even more competitive than our regular season as teams will be tapered, rested, and shaved and is generally a meet of personal records for many people," Cadwallader said.

The Bison will race in the Patriot League Championships at the Navy Invite on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 12 p.m.

The Bison Wrestling Team excels on the mat



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Hannah Stuck
Contributing Writer

The Orange and Blue had an undefeated weekend on the mats, beating both Sacred Heart University and Drexel University.

The Bison beat the Pioneers by pinning four opponents and also having three of the victories by fall between the 184 and 285-pound weight class. The Bison's other victories all garnered bonus points, which has continued their six dual winning streak and made their

total record 9-0 against Sacred Heart.

Logan Deacetis '25, Mason McCready '23 and Luke Niemeyer '23 each brought their opponents' shoulders to the mat during the first period, with Niemeyer the quickest at 1:49. Kolby DePron '25 had a standout performance, only taking 1:57 to make his opponent fall in the final bout. DePron's victory was his team-leading 19th of the season, while Zach Hartman '22 moved to 16-3 by winning by injury default.

Darren Miller '23 had a great night on the mat, having a 17-2

technical fall over his opponent. Brandon Seidman '22 and Kurt Phipps '24 also both performed very well, scoring major decisions. Phipps has improved his dual record to 10-1. Calvin Dalton '25 had the first and fastest pin of the night, only taking 1:23.

This Orange and Blue put up 43 points throughout their match, becoming the highest of the 2021-2022 campaign. This was their first 43-point threshold since the 2015-2016 campaign.

The Bison defeated Drexel in their second match of the

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Upcoming Events

Men's and Women's Track and Field

• Bison Open on 1/28-1/29

Wrestling

• vs Army West Point 1/29
2pm

• vs Rider 1/30 2pm

Men's Basketball

• vs Loyola 1/30 6pm

Women's Water Polo

• Bucknell Invitational
1/29- 1/30

Bucknell Women's Tennis triumphs over Villanova in dual match opener

Lea Tarzy
Contributing Writer

The Bison women's tennis team faced off against Villanova this past Saturday afternoon, resulting in an exciting win secured by Anna Lajos '25. The first-year went 7-6, 5-7, 6-2, winning fifth singles over Villanova's Bella Steffen to clinch the victory for the Orange and the Blue. This was the first dual match of the spring season for the Bison women, starting off on a strong note.

Whitney King '25 also had a successful match, winning second singles against Emily Strande handily in two sets (6-4, 6-0). This was a big win for the first-year Bison, as Strande was named 2021 All Big-East First Team. King faced off against Strande again, this time with Bison senior captain Daniela Bellini by her side. The two competed in the first doubles match against Strande and Annalise Klopfer and came out triumphant with a close 7-6 win.

Madi Sebulsky '24 and Lajos competed together at third doubles and secured a 7-6 win for the Bison.

"I was incredibly nervous, but my team's support and excitement pushed me to play some of the best tennis I've ever played in my life. Going into our meet, we knew that Villanova is a really strong team, but we gave it our all and put ourselves out there. I got to play Doubles with

Madi Sebulsky. Her energy and positivity on the court made it such a fun experience for me and I can't wait to share the court with her again. My singles match was very tough. I had a lot of ups and downs, but during the crucial third set, hearing my team cheer me on and seeing their faces gave me the strength I needed to take the win for our team. I couldn't have done it without them!" Lajos said.

Tyne Miller '24 also put out a strong performance, defeating Villanova's Emma Brogan in her singles match (6-3, 4-6, 6-2). Miller paired up with Laurel Utterback '24 to defeat Brogan again, along with Sabina Grigorian, to secure the doubles point.

"The first match of the season always brings extra excitement and nerves and Villanova is a great team. As a team, we brought the same focus and energy into the match that we've had in practice. The environment during Anna's clinch to make it 4-3 made the win even more special. We're looking forward to traveling and competing, especially against the other Patriot League teams!" Utterback said.

Looking ahead, the Bison women are anticipating next weekend's match against Penn State. They will be away next Friday, Jan. 28 as they go up against the Nittany Lions.

Men's Basketball secures first Patriot League victory

Brooke Tracey
Contributing Writer

The Bison men's basketball team rebounded after a series of tough losses on the road and in Sojka Pavilion. In a close fought game against the Holy Cross Crusaders, the Bison tallied 68 points to their opponent's 65, returning to Lewisburg victorious. This Bison victory is both the team's first road win and the first win since Patriot League play began on Jan. 1. The team's record now strengthens to 3-16 on the season and 1-7 in the Patriot League conference.

The contest was evenly matched throughout, but it was the Orange and Blue's four-point lead in the first half that helped secure the victory. The Bison led by as much as 11 points in the first half of play. Rookie forward Ian Motta '25 played a critical role for the Bison, tallying all 12 of his points in the first half without senior guard Andrew Funk '22 on the court. The Orange and Blue went into halftime leading the Crusaders 36-32.

While the Bison came out fired up in the second half, the Crusaders scored the first eight points, putting them in the lead by four. It was sophomore center Andre Screen '24 that helped the Bison narrow the Crusaders' lead with a big three-point play. After being down 52-50, the Bison regained the lead with a 7-0 run. The Crusaders did not accept defeat just yet, however, as they continued to fight and

regain the lead 58-57. With less than three minutes to go, both the Bison's defensive and offensive effort helped Screen grab his career-high 13th rebound and two free throws to finish the game off.

With such an exciting victory comes many notable performances. As aforementioned, Screen notched a career-high in rebounds along with junior forward Malachi Rhodes '23 who also recorded a career-high 10 rebounds. Junior guard Xander Rice '23 anchored the Bison scoring with 16 points on the afternoon, closely followed by Funk who had 14 points. Not only this, but Funk also became the 44th Bison to reach 1,000 points in his career at the University - now currently 1,006 points.

When asked about the victory, Funk said "it was great to get the win... and I'm very proud of the resilience" demonstrated by the team. Funk also said, "it's surreal surpassing the 1,000 point mark in my career. I could not have gotten to this point without all of my teammates, coaches, and family who have supported my over the last four years."

The Bison will return home this coming week with two games slated in Sojka Pavilion, the first of which is against Navy on Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m., followed by a 6 p.m. tipoff against Loyola on Sunday, Jan. 30.

MEN'S WRESTLING

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2021-2022 campaign. This was their first 43-point threshold since the 2015-2016 campaign.

The Bison defeated Drexel in their second match of the weekend, winning 23-13. The Orange and Blue won six of the seven final bouts in order to continue their winning streak.

Six wrestlers, — Seidman, Phipps, Miller, Hartman, McCready and Niemeyer went 2-0 on the weekend. McCready, Phipps and Miller scored bonus points in both of their matches. In their matches in Drexel, these three athletes earned a major

decision. Nick Delp '24 won in an overtime decision, beating a 2021 and 2019 NCAA qualifier. Delp beat the Dragon opponent 13-11 in the first sudden-victory period.

Delp spoke about the weekend. "This weekend was a very good one for Bison wrestling because it was the first time since the 1992-1993 season that our team got a 10 win season. We wrestled a tough Drexel team on their campus and pulled off an exciting win to give us our 10th win. Over the last couple of months, our team has developed a lot

and it's really nice that our hard work is paying off," Delp said.

Hartman moved to 17-3 on the season, alongside Phipps getting his 16th victory. This was Hartman's 14th career victory over a nationally ranked opponent.

The Bison have now won five of its six duals against Drexel, which has qualified six wrestlers for the 2021 NCAA Championships.

The Orange and Blue have a match against Army West Point and Rider University this upcoming weekend.

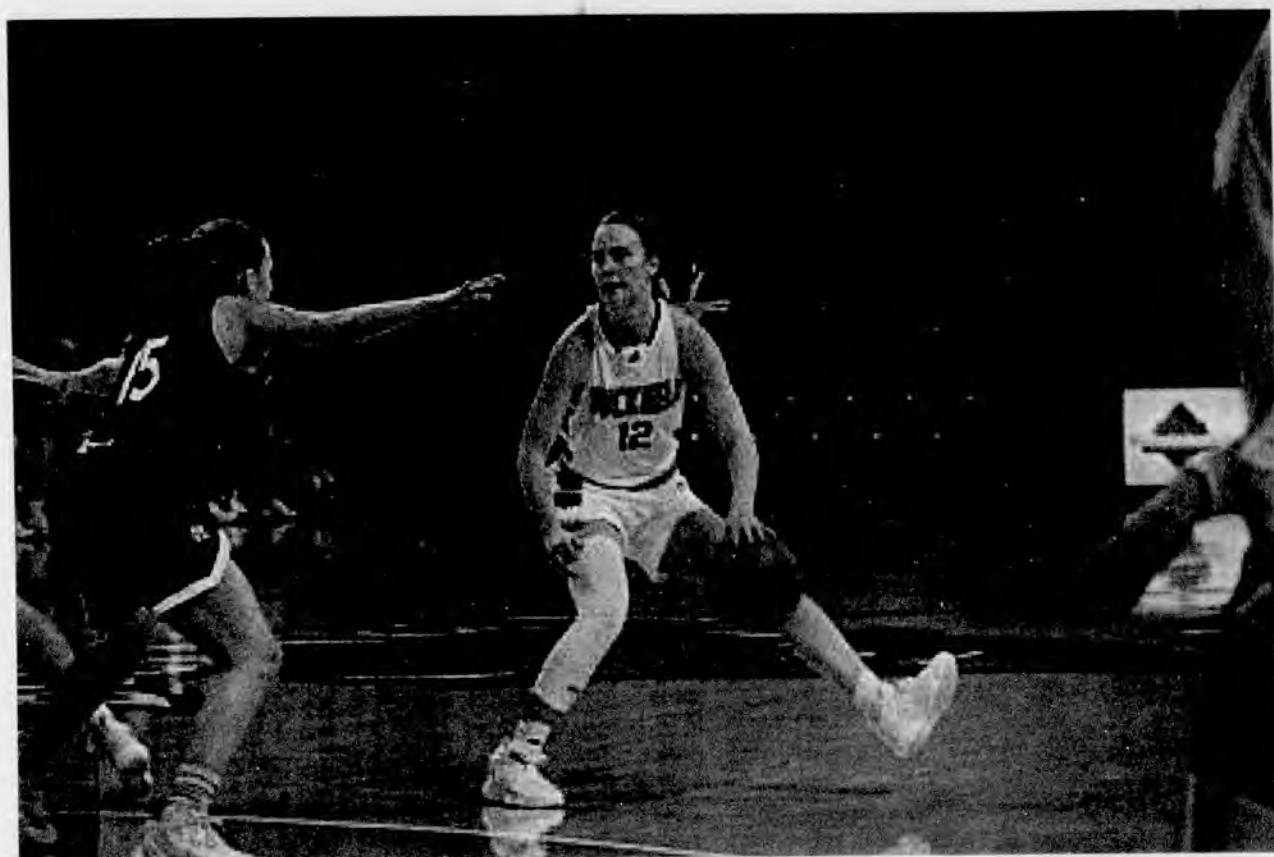


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Women's basketball comes up short in overtime thriller

Charlotte Dursee
Contributing Writer

The Bison's women's basketball team hosted the Holy Cross Crusaders at Sojka Pavilion this past Saturday. After four hard-fought quarters and their first overtime since 2019, the Orange and Blue fell short by one point, 63-62.

The first half was even with the Bison leading in the first quarter. On the offensive end, Marly Walls '22 led the Bison in the first quarter, scoring 10 of her 14 points. Defensively, the Orange and Blue dominated, forcing four turnovers in the first quarter of the game and only allowing Holy Cross to score from 4 of their 14 shots.

The second quarter started with the Bison going up by seven points until Holy Cross shots began to fall, including a half-court buzzer-beater shot to close out the first half.

Going into the third quarter, the Bison trailed by two points. The Crusaders continued hitting all their shots, putting them up the entire

quarter until Cecelia Collins '25 sank a three-pointer to tie the game at 40 points. The Crusaders answered this with a three-pointer from the arc.

In what should have been the final quarter of the game, the Bison trailed within the first couple of minutes. However, this soon changed as they went on a 7-0 run, with a three-pointer from Remi Sisselman '25 and two layups from Emma Shaffer '23. The Crusaders did not falter as the teams traded points. Towards the end of the quarter, both teams remained scoreless. The teams ended the fourth 56-56 forcing an overtime period.

Walls commented on her thoughts going into extra play. "Going into overtime my thoughts were to make sure defense and composure were an emphasis to myself and teammates. Both are very crucial in end of game situations," Walls said.

Collins opened overtime with a quick jump shot in

the paint that was answered by a three-pointer and two free throws from Holy Cross. In the final seconds of the period, Taylor O'Brien '22 put two points on the board. Holy Cross did not falter and managed to get in one last jump shot. The Bison made numerous attempts to come back but were sadly unsuccessful. The game ended 63-62.

Despite the loss, many players put up impressive stats. The offense was led by Walls with 14 and O'Brien and Collins each with 10 points. Carly Krusl '23 also had a team-high of nine rebounds to help lead the team defensively.

Walls said the team was able to grow from this experience. "It teaches us that every possession counts no matter the point of the game... this is what ultimately fuels and prepares us as we are reaching the back end of the season," Walls said.

The Bison look to improve their 12-6 record 7 p.m. Jan. 26 at Navy.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Anthony Zamarra '23

Profile

Sport

Track and Field

Hometown

Manalapan, N.J.

High School

Red Bank Catholic

Position

Throws



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Clara McCormick
Senior Writer

The Bison men's track and field team is off to a great start this season, especially after their first-place win in the Gulden Invite this past weekend that took place in the Gerhard Fieldhouse. This event was the first scored meet of the season. Thrower, Anthony Zamarra '23, racked up points for the team by coming in second in the shot put at the invite. Earlier in the season, Zamarra also finished first in the shot put in the Bison Opener, and sixth place at the Nittany Lion Challenge at State College.

The junior speaks on his team's accomplishments. "Being able to win this weekend was great and it was our first chance to compete in a scored meet. After a very tough Penn State week last weekend and a tough training camp, I think all of the guys are happy to be where they are at in terms of times and distances," Zamarra said.

His contributions to the team have not just been during this season. He has been a crucial member of the throwers since his first year, as he even received the honor of being granted team Rookie of the Year in the 2019-2020 season. During his rookie campaign, Zamarra placed 10th in the Sykes and Sabock Challenge at State College, and 15th at the IC4A championship in Boston. This season fell short, however, due to COVID-19.

His sophomore year, the season was also abbreviated, but Zamarra still managed to have a successful run. He earned himself the title of the seventh-best all-time thrower in University history in a meet against UMBC and Saint Francis, and throughout the season earned a third-place victory in a meet against Army and Lehigh, as well as a fourth-place finish in the Patriot League Championship.

Alongside all of his personal successes, Zamarra has a great relationship with the entire track and field team. "The entire men's track and field team gets along at Bucknell. It's awesome that I am friends with cross country runners and shot put throwers," Zamarra said.

Zamarra and the Orange and Blue compete again this upcoming weekend at the Bison Open and Multi in our very own Gerhard Fieldhouse.

Career Stats

- 4th place PL Championship 2019-2020
- Rookie of the Year, 2019-2020
- 7th best shot put in Bison history

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Australian Open: The tennis and the not-so tennis

Logan Kinajil-Moran
Contributing Writer

The Australian Open, the first Grand Slam Tennis Tournament of the year, kicked off on Jan. 17 in Melbourne, Australia. However, the tournament has been grabbing headlines for some off-the-court action.

The tournament was making headlines before it began with the controversy surrounding world number one Novak Djokovic's entrance into Australia. The defending champion arrived in Australia unvaccinated, claiming a medical exemption to get

him past Australia's strict border control and COVID-19 restrictions. He then saw his visa canceled until the decision was overturned and he was initially allowed to compete until the Australian immigration minister, Alex Hawke, finally canceled his visa and had him deported back to Serbia. Djokovic's vaccine status, back-and-forth surrounding his visa and Australia's response have sparked conversation worldwide, especially with regards to Djokovic's

sponsorships, which reportedly bring him around \$30 million a year.

Djokovic has chosen not to comment on the situation until the end of the tournament.

Furthermore, before the event, controversy has been sparked over protests surrounding Chinese tennis player Peng Shuai. The former world number one disappeared after she took to social media, accusing a member of the Chinese Communist Party of pressuring

her into sex, and her whereabouts so far remain unclear. A fan at Melbourne Park was asked to remove a t-shirt and a banner saying "Where is Peng Shuai?" However, 48 hours later, following a public outcry, Tennis Australia chose to reverse the decision banning protests, as long as they are "peaceful," according to tournament director Craig Tiley. Since then, over AUD\$15,000 has been raised to fund the printing and distribution of shirts as part of the

protest, while the UN pushes to find Peng.

The tournament has gone on in the scorching Australian summer weather, with the quarter-finals taking place from Jan. 24 to Jan. 26. American Danielle Collins is still alive in the women's singles, while Madison Keys has advanced to the semi-finals. Rajeev Ram competes in the men's doubles quarter-finals, and Caroline Dolehide competes in the women's doubles quarter-finals.



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Bison Track and Field dominate opening competition

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Sports Co-Editor

In their first track and field competition of the winter season, the Bison men's and women's teams emerged victorious at the Golden Invite. The women's team scored 242 points with the next closest team, Saint Francis, scoring 64. Meanwhile the men's team scored 140 points to edge out second place Mount St. Mary's (121).

The women's team had a host of individuals who finished in the top three in their events. Gianna Macones '22, who was named Women's Field Athlete of the Meet, placed first in long jump and second in triple jump. Ashlyn Ramos '22 won the mile by scoring the sixth best time in Bison history. In the 400, the Bison swept the podium with Jessie Castellano '23 finishing first, Michaela Bracken '22 finishing second and Mackenzie Turner '23 coming in third. Karly Forker '22 earned an ECA qualifying time in the 1000 on her way to victory while Nora Bennett '22 finished

soon afterwards in second.

The Bison also took the top two spots in the 5000 with Ally Clarke '24 and Mia Bellucci '23 finishing first and second. Karen Hull '24 earned the ninth best Bison time all time in the 60m hurdles. Meghan Quinn '24 also had a great meet for the Bison finishing second in the 200 and fourth in the 60m dash. In the field portion of the competition, Jennifer Scott '23 and Karly Renn '25 went first and second in the pole vault and Bracken earned a top 10 all time mark in the high jump.

"It was definitely a refreshing meet after having a long series of injuries this year. I got cleared to come back to track early this month and it was definitely off to a rough start at first but it came to show that pushing through all of these obstacles the past few months paid off," Macones said.

The men's team also had a ton of success in the competition. Ethan Wolford-Tuffy '24 won the 400 with

an IC4A qualifying time and was a part of the winning 4x400 relay team with Rayven Sample '24, Sam Coughlin '25 and Brian Kennedy '22. Not to be outdone, the 4x800 relay team also finished first with a team of Brendan O'Toole '22, Alex Simpson '24, Seth Hoffritz '23 and Colby Belczyk '25. Belczyk also won the 1000 for the Bison with Thomas Matsumura '22 finishing third in the event.

The Bison performed well in the 5000 claiming second and third courtesy of Noah Martin '23 and Matthew Ceryon '22. Following the trend, Anthony Zamarra '23 and Braden Stryker '22 took second and third respectively in the shot put.

"I'm super excited to see where this season takes us and can't wait to show everyone what BUTF has in store," Macones said.

Both teams will be back in action this weekend. The teams will be split amongst the Bison Open on Jan. 28-29 and the Sykes & Sabock Invite on Jan. 29 at Penn State.

Bison Men's Tennis falls to James Madison, UNC in season opener

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As Bison student-athletes started arriving back to campus after winter break, the men's tennis team had little time to get settled in. As soon as they arrived, they began preparing for an exciting early season to come. As their first spring event neared - a match against the James Madison Dukes on Friday, January 21st - the team had to get in competitive order rather quickly.

The men's tennis team made their Spring 2022 debut in Harrisonburg, Virginia against James Madison University. Unfortunately, the match didn't go as the Bison hoped, with the team suffering a 7-0 loss to the Dukes. One of the highlights from the game was the 6-4 win in No. 2 doubles win earned by Tim Zelikovsky '24 and Carlos Carvalho '25.

Wasting no time, the Orange and Blue then traveled to Chapel Hill, North Carolina to visit the Tar Heels for their next

game. Originally scheduled to be a double-header, inclement weather conditions forced the Bison and the Tar Heels to play a single match on noon Sunday, Jan. 23. The men's tennis team took another heavy loss (7-0) but had many more successful battles along the way.

Currently-13th-ranked North Carolina made a tough early opponent for the spring schedule. The Tar Heels successfully beat Bucknell on Courts 2 and 3 with 6-2 wins, however, the Orange and Blue were working to secure a win at Court 1. Michael Owen '23 and Nick Mueller '23 were able to hold a 5-3 lead, but weren't able to serve for the match as it was called once the point was clinched for the Tar Heels.

The Bison will be soon traveling to East Lansing, Michigan to compete against Toledo and Michigan State on Jan. 29. Although both are challenging teams to face, men's tennis is up to the challenge.

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Voting Rights and the Filibuster

30-Day Shutdown on Downtown and New Regulations: Severe or Necessary?

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The rise of the COVID-19 Omicron variant has inspired more caution and a sense of emergency nationwide as COVID-19 cases peaked in January of 2022. The variant, while currently less severe but exponentially more contagious than its original variant, has challenged communities to limit the spread without reducing the global progress already made in response to COVID-19. We are out of quarantine, our economy has become more demanding, and people are excited to return to normal life. While both the Delta and Omicron variants have certainly made putting COVID-19 in the past, the changes we are experiencing as a society feel experimental when considering their impact. Just as soon as we have been told to open as a society, we are once again in the midst of trying to control an even more contagious variant.

Confusion and stress have been felt across the University and surrounding Lewisburg community as the new mask recommendations and testing regulations have been applied seemingly at the last minute. However, did the University administration have a choice? With new cases topping at one and a half million as of January 10, an immediate and urgent response was necessary, especially when considering the goal of stopping the spread to protect those who are compromised from getting sick. As a part of this emergent response, the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department and the Borough of Lewisburg's Declaration of Disaster Emergency Management Coordinator discontinued the issuance of Regulated Social Gathering Permits. This effectively ended Greek Life parties at the University for the next 30 days as of January 10, the day COVID-19 cases hit an all-time high.

For sororities and fraternities, this inspired more confusion and frustration towards the University administration's response to the ongoing pandemic. This regulation not only reduced the sense of community within these Greek

Life organizations but raised the question of "will we get our money back for these permits?" The Buffalo Valley Police Department immediately promised refunds for all permits, but holding money from college students still matters, even for Greek Life. Increased frustration continued as the University mandated the booster vaccine over winter break — a difficult feat for many considering high demand and a respectively limited time frame. Many Greek Life members feel as though if we are triple vaccinated, we have the right to hold social gatherings. As a student who has no affiliation with Greek Life, I can safely say that I would be upset too.

Nonetheless, it is important to note the social impact this regulation has had on our University community. Bars and local restaurants have now become the 'hot' place to attend social gatherings, at least by default. These bars and restaurants offer more age restrictions and provide, what I would argue, a safer environment for University students to congregate. However, this age restriction is making it particularly hard for underclassmen to partake in social gatherings that help provide friends, mental health stability and opportunities to express themselves. Nonetheless, our surrounding community offers more visible and public spaces to 'unwind,' — limiting at least to some extent, cases of underage drinking, sexual assault and other offenses associated with culture that plague Greek Life's reputation. Moreover, these local hotspots support the Lewisburg community while simultaneously providing a more inclusive environment for a more diverse array of perspectives.

While my roommates and I often joke that "it's too cold to go out anyway," our 'no partying in Downtown houses' mandate for January is a small price to pay for potentially saving people's lives — and more importantly, highlights other opportunities for students not in Greek Life to still partake in the University's thriving social scene.

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When the John Lewis Voting Rights Act was struck down on the Senate floor, the proponents of its passage were rejected the opportunity to reclaim some of the voting rights that have slowly but assuredly, eroded in the past several years. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was a landmark piece of legislation that rejected racial discrimination within voting; yet in the decades since and as a result of cases like Shelby County v. Holder, several of its sections have been rendered inert, allowing for states to institute their own restrictive voting bills without the need for a preliminary check by the federal government. The John Lewis Voting Rights Act was seen as a remedy to this bitter backsliding of a sacred right, one that had been fiercely fought for on the streets of America and was now being threatened by modern policies.

Of course, this bill was never going to be passed by the Senate. Even when it was written, or when it was marginally passed within the House of Representatives, there was little hope that this path would lead to a victory. The Senate, unlike the House, is currently bound by more rigors, the most egregious being the filibuster. This tactic, not an original part of the U.S. Constitution but rather a method introduced decades later, serves as nothing more than an affront to democracy, granting greater-than-deserved power to a minority by preventing most legislation from being passed if it fails to reach a 60 vote supermajority.

The filibusters of old were perceived as acts of defiance against potentially corrupt lawmaking, forcing Senators to stay on the house floor for as long as their body would grant them the will to do so.

Yet a two-track system introduced in the 1970s that would have, ironically enough, streamlined the Senate by accommodating more bills to be debated over, only granted the filibuster more power. Since the modern interpretation of the filibuster has now become synonymous with an opportunity to lambast the majority's efforts and denounce sought-after legislation, minority members of the modern era have no need to extend their debate on the Senate floor and delay a vote. They may simply declare their firm possession of 40 votes and sentence a bill to be dead on arrival.

The Senate is an institution that already harbors deeply undemocratic components. The

conundrum of disproportionate representation, wherein a sparsely populated state like Wyoming possesses an equal number of Senators to a densely populated one like California, is just one example. The presence of the filibuster is but an additional mark against an institution that demands to break away from tradition in order to truly progress the country.

The arguments in favor of the filibuster are quite clear: no party wishes to relent the hold they may have on the Senate even when not in the majority; it is a form of power and control. Supporters would state that whenever the party they oppose holds the majority in the Senate, there will be no end to the legislation passed within it. The country will regress at an alarming rate, depending on who you fear will hold control

minority groups that are less likely to possess photo IDs. This legislation also affected early and absentee voting, key points of accessibility for voters that may not have the time, transportation, or work flexibility to make it to the polls on election day, but still constitute an essential part of representation for those around the country.

These policies, and arguably much of the conversation concerning voting rights, are centered around a false reality: that voting as a right is being threatened by systemic illegality. The only manner, the fearful will say, in which the United States can recover from this debilitating plight is by raising the standard by which people can vote, conveniently establishing significant barriers that prevent certain demographics from participating in democracy.

In essence, a harmful solution has been created for a manufactured problem. Voting in the modern era of American elections has been historically safe; eliminating several means of accessing a ballot or raising the standard to reach one serves none but the legislators looking to secure a future for their party.

Voting is an essential right, slowly being eroded by the unwavering efforts of lawmakers fervent in their desires to secure victory within the limits of the law. Legislation like the John Lewis Voting Rights Act might have assuaged a growing concern, but critical policies will rarely be able to pass with the filibuster firmly entrenched in the Senate's core. The tactic is a malignancy within the chamber that demands to be removed; it serves no purpose but to delay potentially meaningful progress and to grant undeserved strength to minority rule.

I will not disagree that there is a warranted concern over the methods in which policymakers rewrite districts and hinder electoral participation. But acts to secure voting rights, ones passed through simple majorities rather than ludicrous supermajorities, could be the indelible step forward towards true democracy. Lawmakers have expressed concern that theoretical reversals in policy in the years after the removal of a filibuster will erode the trust in government. Yet they should be far more worried about the current perception of the government, wherein the citizenry believes that lawmaking has remained largely stagnant and reluctant to advance our country. That perception is not wholly wrong.

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in order to remove the filibuster... they must override that very filibuster by collecting a minimum of 60 votes.
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in the chamber.

It is a curious fear, however, one directly antithetical to the very democracy that the United States has purportedly served as the bastion for. In theory, if the American populace has voted in favor of a Republican or Democrat majority, then so be it; regardless of who is in control, that should never be the reason why we simply forgo the avenues of democracy.

Granted, this attitude can only be justified so long as the means of voting are fair rather than tampered with by legislation that threatens to undermine the abilities of the people. Under restrictive participation in elections, appointed lawmakers may not be truly representative of the will of the people. Unfortunately, recent years have proven that fear to not be unfounded.

When Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act was struck down in 2013, states immediately went to work establishing new stipulations that would make participating in elections a greater challenge. Millions of voters were purged from voter rolls, an amount greater than if the section had remained. Voter ID laws were passed in several states such as Texas, as well as a series of other legislations that would invariably impact

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Pete Davidson, Cancel Culture and the State of Comedy

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It's no surprise that there was one main event on everyone's mind this past weekend: Pete Davidson's anticipated visit to the University. No matter how much you know about pop culture and celebrity news, you're bound to be aware of the constant media frenzy as of late around Davidson. This highly anticipated event led many to wonder how Davidson would react, and to what level he would be his typical uncensored, unabridged self. What we received was a combination of comedic bits fueled by the questions and the energy of the audience, as well as his take on the modern state of the comedy world and his place in it. Given his background, it's no surprise his thoughts on this topic came off as dismissive and rubbed me the wrong way that Davidson never had before.

I grew up watching Saturday Night Live (SNL) every Saturday night, excited for the current celebrities to have their turn with famous cast members like Seth Meyers, Amy Poehler and Kenan Thompson. There's no doubt that Davidson has joined the rank of famous and successful SNL cast members, due to his distinctive personality and his edgy (to say the least) standup. Davidson often jokes about his history with drugs and makes frequent references to his father who died during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks while serving as a first responder. This apprehensive style of comedy certainly put him on the map, and it makes sense considering he cited some of his core inspirations as the currently controversial Dave Chappelle and John Mulaney. He made several comments regarding their impact on him during the interview on the Sunday, specifically citing Mulaney as a close friend. Given Chappelle's recent scandal during his comedy special "The Closer" where he insulted the trans community, and Mulaney's recent news involving his divorce fresh out of rehab, it was surprising to hear Davidson still praise them.

Davidson's bias towards these star comedians, along with his

own comedic taste and flair, can clearly be attributed to his belief that today's comedy scene is terrible to be in because of the public's tendency to cancel problematic comedians. I find this to be very generalized and dismissive of our world's evolving social climate. The fact that many of these recent backlashes are against many of Davidson's idols explains why he finds PC (politically correct) culture harmful.

His generation grew up with comedians not afraid to make a joke targeted towards race, gender or a large assortment of other stereotypes. To be fair, and this isn't all-encompassing, I believe there are appropriate ways to joke around these topics. Some of the best stand-up bits in the world come from Eddie Murphy, Chris Rock and Bill Burr's outside look on racial norms during modern times. However, when these jokes are presented in a way that actively dismisses and mistreats whole groups of people is when boundaries need to be drawn. Many fans of the comics will argue that it's all a part of the joke and they would never mean to do any harm, but even if they didn't "mean it in that way" people who do have bigoted tendencies will certainly look at these jokes with full seriousness.

Frankly, I'm sure Davidson doesn't intentionally generalize, and given how he presented himself on Sunday he probably does understand the damage hateful speech may do. To his credit, I believe his comedy strikes a healthy yet edgy balance between what's appropriate and what's not. However, he and many other comics in his position surely feel scared to perform comedy now because of fear they may be canceled next. The truth is, these comics have nothing to worry about as long as they can truly check themselves and their own biases before performing what they think is funny, but what others may perceive as derogatory. I'm a fan of Davidson, and always have been, but I just hope he can realize the larger problem within comedy rather than defending his own heroes that have done wrong.

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The return to campus has been far from a smooth transition. Students have faced obstacle after obstacle in the early portion of this semester, whether that be the emotional turmoil of returning to classes, trying to re-adjust socially or the seemingly unending snow. Moreover, we were set up for a tumultuous start of the spring semester way back on Jan. 5, 2022 when President John Bravman emailed the student body regarding pre-arrival testing and COVID-19 protocols.

Mere days later, Dean Amy Badal followed up the president's email on Jan. 11 affirming that the tests "should arrive soon" through FedEx, which was already an indication that the university would be cutting it close with receiving test results. If students received their tests on the afternoon of Jan. 11, then they would receive their results that Friday before move-in because as per the full 72 hours needed to process the test—and that was if everything including shipping, schedules and addresses ran smoothly. Therefore, when students did not receive their tests that afternoon or were unable to send the test back that same day, it was extremely unlikely that they received their test results by Saturday, Jan. 15.

As we now know, many students did not receive their test kits on Jan. 11. Bella Dragone '24 said that her "test wasn't delivered to [her] house until Friday (Jan. 14) afternoon and [she] left for campus on Saturday" and added, "I sent it in the same day but never got my results back even now." Bella is amongst a large portion of students who returned to campus without test results as a result of the University's logistical and clerical errors. Without test results, students were ridden with fear of being unenrolled from the spring semester. As Bella states, "The last thing I wanted was to be unenrolled from classes due to the University's own logistical mistakes." The confusion

and fear did not build the foundations for a consistent, fruitful semester that we all hope for. Furthermore, the inability to execute PCR testing before arrival, left students, faculty and staff vulnerable to COVID-19.

The logistical errors of the administration are at play in a larger debate about the University's return to in-person. We should have not returned in person and placed students and, specifically, faculty and staff's health at risk. Between the delay of test results and the threat of unenrollment, it would have been more responsible to delay the start of in-person and enforce a quarantine until students had received their PCR results. Professor Michael Drexler shares his thoughts about the full return to in-person instruction: "Along with several other faculty members, I raised concerns about our plans to restart the spring semester in-person. Many proposed starting remotely for at least one week as many other colleges had already announced that they planned to do. That's obviously not the direction Bucknell chose. I think it is too early to tell what the costs of that decision will be. But at a minimum, Bucknell decided that the health concerns of people with disabilities or compromised immune systems and those with children under five or with elderly people in their households were not important enough to delay the in-person part of the semester for the young and able-bodied. This immoral calculus is precisely what the Americans with Disabilities Act had aimed to prevent. So, yes, I remain disappointed. And I hope no one gets seriously ill."

It should also be noted that the University policy neglects both the needs of professors and the student body. Many students received positive at-home PCR results after having received a negative on-campus antigen test. For students who did not receive their at-home PCR results in time, they tested on campus, which

was pointless. At that point, friends had already helped others move-in and had hug-filled reunions. Students were already making weekend plans and trying to reconnect and reintegrate to campus—and possibly spreading COVID-19. In many of these cases, including Margaret Hunter's '24, students were then sent to the isolation hotel. Bucknell University policy asserts that students must isolate for six days following the date on which their positive result was swabbed; therefore, when delayed results came back four to five days following the initial test, some students had to stay in the hotel for as little as a day. Hunter was sent to isolation housing for a day and a half and notes her concern for having already been in contact with her peers: "I'd already been in close contact with a number of my friends, so it was additionally nerve-racking to consider how my peers could be impacted as well." Students that faced similar circumstances more than likely arrived on campus and unknowingly exposed other members of the campus community.

On the COVID-19 Dashboard, there is a surge of pre-arrival positives on Jan. 17. Is it not possible that those 112 positives are in fact the at-home test results finally coming in after students had already moved in? And it is certainly no coincidence that the number of on-campus positive tests increased in the following days.

The University had every opportunity to avoid all the confusion of late-arriving tests, antigen testing and day-long hotel isolation. For starters, the tests could have been shipped in early January (similar to last year) to ensure all students had access to a PCR test. By having taken the simple, earlier step, the spread of COVID-19 and subsequent stress for students would have been diminished, but instead, students were left scrambling during the first week and professors remained disappointed in the University.

Euphoria — a false claim?

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Contributing Writer

Euphoria has become a hit show within the last couple of years, especially amongst a younger generation. The plot follows a group of teenagers at East Highland High School—rumored to be in the Los Angeles area based on the appearance of the streets and hills—who are going through intense social and personal obstacles. Rue, the main character, struggles from addiction after years of being medicated for mental disorders. After stealing her ill father's pain medication, she begins to experiment with a series of stimulants, depressants and everything in between to numb herself from the world around her.

Addiction is often stigmatized, and those suffering from

it are shamed for returning to the substance that has impacted their lives so heavily. People fail to understand that addiction is a disease with ups and downs similar to those suffering from any other type of chronic illness. The withdrawal, particularly early on, is intensely torturous to an addict. Rue specifically uses opioids, benzodiazepines and other strong depressants, many of which have some of the most painful withdrawal symptoms, as well as the highest rates of relapse. The American Addiction Center says that most withdrawal symptoms of these types of narcotics include agitation, sweating, nausea, hallucinations and even seizures. Although we see

Rue suffer many consequences, such as a kidney infection and severe depression, it is often-times chalked up to her bipolar disorder, not directly to the drug abuse.

The romanticization of drug use doesn't come from the lack of acknowledgment of the physical aftermath. It lives within the beauty of the show: the music, the relationships, the nonchalant movement and interaction. When Maddy and Cassie, two main characters, attend a public carnival, they purchase molly-MDMA from a pretzel cart that Ashtray and Fezco, the town drug dealers, run. They casually order it after fighting with their boyfriends and sport it in their beautiful outfits and shiny

makeup. It seems to bond them even more. The casualty and simplicity of this interaction normalizes drug use, even if it's not intense and abusive.

In terms of addiction, Rue is the one character who the audience truly analyzes as an addict. She overdoses in the first episode, only to have her little sister find her seizing on the floor. This is the reality of substance abuse, but the way Rue goes about her life as if it never happened, normalizes everything. The flashing lights, the heavy rhinestone eye makeup and the high-energy music make drug use seem euphoric. The title is even promoting this idea. Euphoria is something drug users chase, something they

get from drug use that many people struggle to find in their own lives. And although the show relays the idea that the aftermath makes it not worth it, they still give the audience a view into the "magic" feeling of drug use.

Most of the romanticization of addiction comes from the special effects and wardrobe, in addition to the beauty of everything within the show. Every teenager is idolizing the characters today, refusing to see the truth behind drugs. Viewers don't watch the show to learn about drug abuse, they watch it for the intense relationships, attractive characters, unique soundtrack and ultimately the euphoric feel.

Title IX Explained

Detailing the steps of the Title IX process and other support resources on campus

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Special Features Editor

Despite ample efforts to educate college students about sexual assault and prevent its future occurrence, gender-based violence continues to bedevil college campuses. On average one in five women experience some form of sexual assault during their undergraduate studies, compared with one in 16 men. Recognizing the issue, universities have made efforts to fight sexual violence and create a safer, more equitable environment on college campuses. One of these efforts is the Title IX amendment.

Title IX is a federal civil rights law passed as part of the Education Amendments of 1972. Title IX forbids any educational institutions, such as universities and colleges, from discriminating against members of the campus community based upon their gender. When originally established, the central goal of Title IX was to create equal opportunities for women on campus, specifically with regard to campus sports. Today, a university's Title IX can expect its primary focus to be all forms of sexual harassment/assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking claims. Furthermore, Title IX requires universities to respond quickly and effectively to any report of sexual misconduct as well as take steps to prevent any in the first place. Title IX is also a helpful resource to members of the LGBTQ community as it prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or sexual orientation. Although many college students are aware of the Title IX amendment and have been educated on it before in their college career, most are not well versed in the details of how a Title IX process would work.

If a student experiences discrimination based on their sexuality or gender or experiences any type of sexual misconduct, they may file a Title IX report through the University's online reporting form, bucknell.edu/titleix, or file a report directly to Institutional Equality & Title IX Coordinator Samantha Hart via email (samantha.hart@bucknell.edu), phone (570-577-1554) or in person at her office in Marts 232. Following the filing of a report, the Title IX Coordinator will

work with the individual student to find the best course of action for them. This could be a formal complaint and University investigation, or a disciplinary hearing. The student could also request an informal resolution or a different measure such as a no-contact order, access to counseling services, employment, transportation, academic flexibility, or residence hall reassignment. A student can also request anonymity and require that the university not move forward with a response at the time of a report. Title IX Coordinator (TIXC) Samantha Hart emphasizes that, as Coordinator, her and her office work towards supporting these students however possible. "If a student needs support, however, they are encouraged to reach out to let us know what we can do to help - we can be flexible and work with the student on their needs and even if something they are requesting is not available," she said, "we will endeavor to find alternative solutions."

Another resource for students who have experienced sexual assault - or would simply like to become more involved in sexual assault prevention on campus - is the SpeakUp program. SpeakUp is a student-led and-run organization focused on educating their peers on topics of consent, healthy relationships and bystander intervention and working towards ending sexual violence on campus. While both the Title IX office and support programs such as SpeakUp work towards sexual assault prevention on campus, it is important to remember the Title IX office is not a confidential source.

Coordinator Hart explained that because such a foundational aspect of the Title IX amendment is making sure universities respond to the reports filed, these reports cannot be anonymous. "The Title IX office is not a confidential source like counseling or the Interpersonal Violence Prevention & Advocacy Coordinator because the Title IX Coordinator needs to ensure the University is responding appropriately to each and every report," Hart said. "That being said, the information

shared with the Title IX Coordinator is kept private and only other campus administrators who have a need-to-know basis will become aware. This is so the appropriate staff members can assist in assuring the student is getting the support they need, and the campus is safe. The TIXC will share the most limited amount of information necessary in order to coordinate responses from other campus offices when implementing support measures or formal responses." She also said that, although Title IX reports and investigations cannot be conducted or made anonymously, information about the student's experience will not be shared with any third parties without the student's consent.

On the other hand, both SpeakUp and Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Advocacy Coordinator Lindsey Higgins do not have this same requirement. Rather, Lindsey describes her and the program's role as follows; "when students come to me for support, I am not required to report that information to Title IX, P Safe, the Conduct office, or otherwise (with the exception of immediate harm to self or others, or the involvement of a minor). This allows survivors to have full autonomy over their story, the course of action they choose to take, and the resources they access. Since SpeakUp is under my advisement, that confidentiality privilege is extended to them as well. Therefore, they are also not required to report to Title IX. Though, they are able to educate their peers on Title IX and connect their peers to Samantha Hart as a resource if they wish to make an official report."

Along with leading educational workshops, SpeakUp also organizes different events throughout the year where survivors can share their experiences with the University community. These events include "Take Back the Night," the Clothesline Project, No More Month, the Red Flag Campaign, Purple Thursday, Sex Positive Week and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

Lindsey Higgins describes how

impactful these events are for all in attendance by reflecting on this year's Take Back the Night. "TBTN is a community event that aims to empower and uplift survivors of sexual violence through speeches, storytelling, and healing through arts such as poetry and music. The event concludes with a solidarity march around campus where attendees call for accountability and a recommit to ending interpersonal violence on our campus," Higgins said.

"It was incredibly moving to see students, faculty, and staff in our community surround survivors with love and support and even more so to see the survivors who were brave enough to share their stories step into their power and use their voices to affect change," Higgins said.

Programs such as SpeakUp, events like "Take Back the Night," and the Title IX Office can all help provide support for those on campus affected by sexual violence. Although the Title IX office and SpeakUp do differ in some ways, they both have the same central objective - helping students cope with sexual assault or misconduct.

"I want students to feel comfortable reporting concerns and confident in the University's response. The Title IX process is designed to be transparent and fair - with all students having access to supportive measures through the Title IX Office. Regardless of whether someone wants to file a formal complaint or pursue a formal disciplinary process, the Title IX Coordinator can connect the student to support services and walk the student through the entirety of their options in helping to resolve concerns," Hart said. She encourages students who may need such assistance to contact the Title IX Office.

More information on SpeakUp and the Title IX Office can be found on their respective University webpages. Students can also find ways to become involved and connect with SpeakUp via their social media platforms on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook.

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Freeman College of Management

ranked 17th Undergraduate Business School 2022



Jaxon White
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The University's Freeman College of Management was recently ranked No. 17 in the top 20 "Best Undergraduate Business Schools 2022" by Poets&Quants for Undergrads, a popular publication for news about undergraduate business education.

"In 2017, we were given the opportunity to create a world-class student experience in and outside the classroom in our newly formed Freeman College of Management. Our faculty, with the support of loyal alumni, created a cutting-edge curriculum grounded in the liberal arts within four short years, and it is rewarding to know that it resonates powerfully with prospective students, alumni and recruiters. Our overall ranking as the No. 19 business school in the nation is a testament

to the distinct strengths of a Bucknell University and Freeman College education," Raquel Alexander, the Kenneth W. Freeman Professor and Dean of the Freeman College of Management said.

According to a University press release from Mike Ferlazzo, director of media relations at Bucknell, Poets&Quants for Undergrads created its list by combining a survey of more than 5,400 alumni and school-reported data.

The survey asked different questions in regard to "faculty availability, extra-curricular opportunities and accessibility of the alumni network," Ferlazzo said.

The rankings also took into account average SAT scores, acceptance rates, average high school GPA for recent admittees and the percent of students that were reported at least National Merit semi-finalists. A more

detailed description of the ranking criteria can be found here.

Alexander also took to social media to share her excitement.

"I am grateful for the dedication and vision of trustees, loyal alumni, and faculty that made it possible to reach the Top 20 just four short years after forming the college, 'ray Bucknell!' she shared via LinkedIn.

Through Alexander, she also pointed out that the University is the only school in the top 20 list to exclusively focus on undergraduate studies.

"I was super excited to hear about the recent rankings, but I was not at all surprised. The Professors in the Freeman College provide a top-tier education and truly prepare students for life beyond Bucknell. Between the diversity of courses offered, alumni networking events, and hands-on experience, there is no doubt in my mind that the Management

School at Bucknell is among the best in the country" Sophie Downey, a third-year Management & Organizations major, said.

Other students shared similar sentiments for the school.

Renne Venico '22, a Markets, Innovations & Designs major, is hopeful that the College will expand to include more majors and courses in the future.

"The liberal arts integration is also really unique among undergraduate management schools so I'm hopeful the high ranking we received from Poets & Quants will bring in more talented students from across the world to hop on board," Venico said.

Liza Heyl '22 and Nikki Bott '22, both also MIDE majors, chose the University for the unique major options.

"I think our majors and classes really make us stand out amongst

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Downtown parties banned by Lewisburg Town Borough

Anna Fazio
Contributing Writer

On Monday, Jan. 10, a week before students were set to arrive back on campus after a month-long winter break, downtown homeowners received an email from Lisa Wolfe regarding a notice from Steven Beattie, the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Lewisburg Town Borough.

Beattie put an order in place to immediately discontinue Social Gathering Permits in response to the nationwide COVID-19 surge of the Omicron variant, an increased spread of COVID-19 cases in the Lewisburg area and unprecedented number of hospitalizations in local hospitals, namely Evangelical Community Hospital.

This order stated that no more social gatherings would be allowed to occur downtown for at least 30 days, when the ban will be revisited and it would be determined whether a change is warranted. Typically, the individual(s) who live in downtown houses and intend to have gatherings register their house with the Buffalo Valley police department a week before the intended gathering. This allows these individuals to have parties in their downtown houses without getting in trouble with the police, unless of course an incident of safety occurs.

The downtown area includes all the off-campus

houses on Seventh Street, James Alley, Saint Catherine Street, Bell Alley, Sixth Street and more. This ban came as a surprise to the University student community, who are required by the school to be fully vaccinated and boosted. Moreover, students experienced a relatively social life in the fall semester, at least compared to the previous year, and were hoping for a similar experience this spring semester.

"Downtown gatherings are important to students who are vaccinated and this social ban will no doubt negatively affect the mental health of students..."

According to the University's COVID-19 dashboard, 97.5% of students are fully vaccinated. In contrast, the Lewisburg community is only 50% vaccinated and about 75% of them are unvaccinated.

The CDC has said that healthy 18-22 year olds are at limited risk of catching the disease, becoming sick from it or being hospitalized from it, especially those who are fully vaccinated and

boosted—which is the case for all students, except for those who have submitted personal reasons for exemption from the mandate.

University students are confused by the logic behind the ban mandate and whether it accurately fulfills the goal of isolating students from the local community and limiting the spread of COVID-19.

Charlotte Casey '24 argued that, "downtown gatherings are important to students who are vaccinated and this social ban will no doubt negatively affect the mental health of students who work hard during the week and then are unable to see their friends outside over the weekend."

"I'm upset and frustrated because I did everything right to protect myself and others but am still feeling the effects of the coronavirus in my daily college life more than two years later," said Chloe Burraway '24.

It is noteworthy to add that many seniors, who are above the age of 21 added that they have frequently been visiting the bars downtown due to the downtown gathering ban.

The Lewisburg community has also not taken other common measures to ensure limited COVID-19 spread before implementing this ban. Currently, there are no bans on gatherings among Lewisburg residents, besides the downtown ban, and masks are not required in the K-12 schools.

Bucknell breaks another application record

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The University has officially set another record for their new student application pool, receiving 11,364 applications as of Jan. 17.

This year's record broke last year's record of 11,263 by more than 100 applications. Lisa Keegan, vice president for Enrollment Management at the University, said that applications are still coming in and to expect roughly 200 more applications come May.

"Our team was able to resume some fall travel to high schools and college fairs, and we have been welcoming prospective students to the University through campus tours and small-scale open house events," Keegan said in a press release. "We have experienced increases in applications from the South and West and attribute that success to Bucknell's presence with regional representatives in California and Florida."

The press release, offered by the University's director of media relations Mike Ferlazzo, provided a few statistics about the demographic of the applicant pool.

There was an 18.5 percent jump in first-generation college student applicants, a 15 percent increase in international student applications, and a 7.5 percent increase in students of color that have applied.

Combating the new challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic has brought college recruitment new obstacles to face. According to the press release, the University has implemented new ways

to invite applicants to learn about the University, including virtual tours, self-guided tours and a few more.

Many current first-year students have some experience with virtual tour options. It seems that many appreciated the effort and enjoyed the campus from these digital tours, but once they got here they realized it was very different.

"The virtual tours just showed me little parts of the school," Trevor Drescher '25, an engineering student, said. "What sold me is when I visited and was able to see the campus. When I took the virtual tours I had an idea of what I thought the campus looked like, but that was nothing like it is."

While administrators seem thrilled about the influx in applications, some students worry about what implications the number could have on housing selection. With renovations to Vedder Hall, and growing concerns of mold outbreaks across campus this year, the University has already struggled to find a place to put many students, even offering housing in local hotels to ease the pressure.

It is important to keep in mind that these students have not been admitted yet. Still, the prospect of another record incoming first-year class has frightened many.

"I'm actually terrified about what this many students potentially coming here could mean," Jack Renaghan '25 said. "I've heard so many housing horror stories from older students about room selection. If they admit as many students as they did with my class I just think we're in trouble."

breaking the bubble

Juliana Collins
News Co-Editor

DOMESTIC

President Joe Biden made a statement promising to nominate a black woman on the Supreme Court in order to replace Stephen G. Breyer. The Washington Post recently stated that Ketanji Brown Jackson might be the leading contender. Some say she would be a great candidate because of her experience as a criminal defense attorney. Jackson would be the first Black woman on the court, if nominated.

According to the New York Times, Pfizer is planning on authorizing the COVID-19 vaccine to children under five years old. Unfortunately, the rate of hospitalization has increased in children under five years old who are not yet eligible for the vaccine. Therefore, this two-dose regimen that Pfizer is planning on distributing should help the problem.

INTERNATIONAL

Lunar New Year, also known as Chinese New Year, began on Tuesday Feb 1st and will be the year of the tiger. According to USA Today, Chinese New Year is celebrated in many Asian countries by approximately 1.5 billion people. The Lunar New Year allows people for a new start to the year and the tiger helps people remain brave, courageous, and strong.

Early Wednesday morning, a decades-old tradition meant a longer winter for weary Pennsylvanians. Punxsutawney Phil, a near-mythical groundhog tasked with predicting weather for the late months of winter, caught sight of his shadow at 7:15 a.m. This means, according to local lore and tradition, cold weather will drag on for another six weeks.

FREEMAN COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT RANKED 17TH UNDERGRADUATE BUSINESS SCHOOL 2022

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other undergraduate business schools because we stray away from traditional majors and offer more exciting and creative majors," Bott said.

Abby Tate '22, now a Finance

"I'm hopeful the high ranking... will bring in more talented students from across the world to hop on board."

Major, went into detail about her experience in the College.

"I knew I wanted to live in NYC and do something in the business realm when I was in high school. I just didn't know what exactly, and that's what brought me to Bucknell. The liberal arts education allowed me to dabble in a bunch of disciplines and there was also the strong alumni pull to NYC," Tate said.

Through her time at the University, Tate was split between pursuing a degree in Finance or as a MIDE. Eventually, she chose Finance because she wanted to improve her quantitative skills.

Speaking about the professors in the College of Management, Tate said, "Not only are they passionate about the topics they teach, they really care about you as a person and your personal career goals. I don't think you can get this level of 1:1 time at other business/management schools."

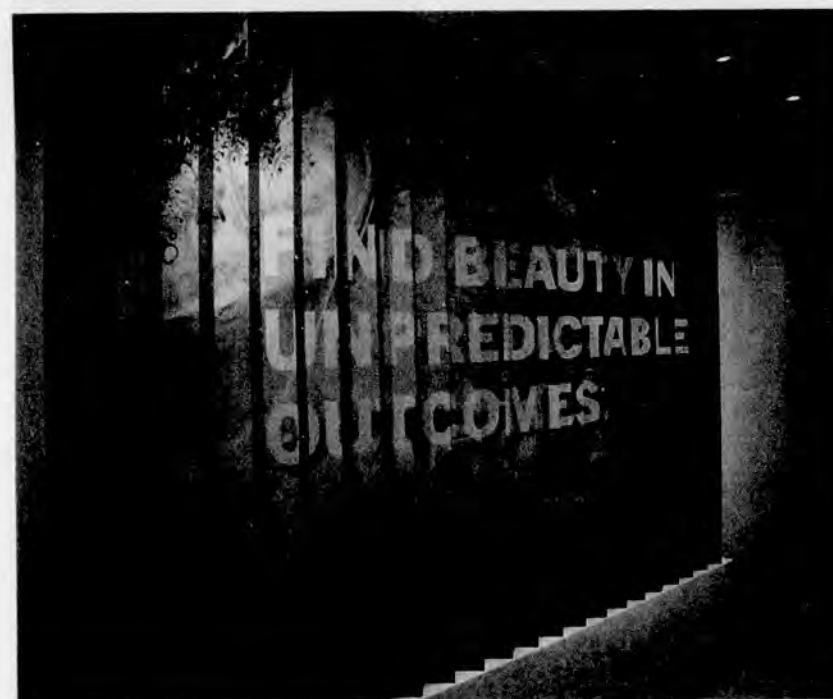
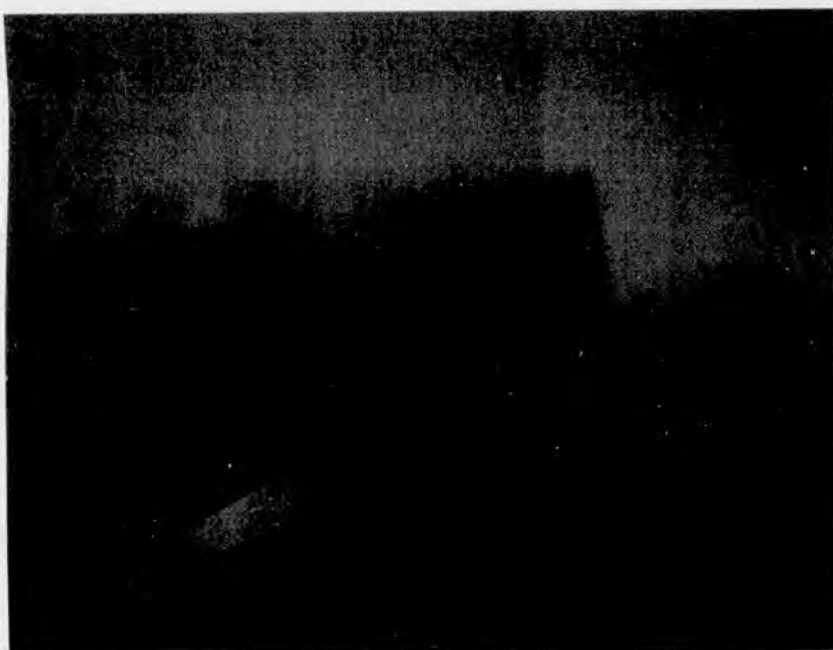


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Students lead independent film project

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Two students, Nolen Hayes '23 and Max Bunzel '22, are writing, directing and producing a short film—currently called the Hapox Movie.

After entering a horror short film in an informal 24-hour student film festival held by the Film Club last year, Hayes and Bunzel were inspired to transform those ideas into a larger project.

"From there, we took the ideas that we got from filming and coming up with the story in such a small amount of time and decided that we wanted to kind of do something more serious or more involved, and we developed the script a little more, and started to find other ways to take on the story. And right now we just about finished up the script, and we're looking to cast characters for the updated version," Bunzel said.

Their writing process began even before a short film "treatment" of their idea, but as they found new ideas, the project kept building. While their final screenplay ended up being 100 pages, Hayes and Bunzel recently decided that they would limit themselves to an abbreviated 20 minute short-film. The name "Hapox" is a homage to the original short-film, as that was the name on the first draft of the first script.

"Hapox" comes from the word "hapax," which is a linguistic term for a word or expression that only occurs once in a work of literature.

"The story is about a detective who is from Philadelphia, who gets kicked off the force,

and he's looking for another cop job, and he gets a job in a small rural town in PA. And at first things kind of seem very fine and okay, and the police just seem very incompetent there. But slowly and surely, he uncovered a crime and a conspiracy about this local police force, which has been covering up a crime in the small town and getting away with it. And then he kind of gets to the bottom of that," Hayes said.

Currently hosting open audition casting calls, they plan to have casting and writing done by the end of February - allowing them to start filming in March. Considering filming and editing, Hayes and Bunzel plan to have a finished product towards the end of the semester for a showing at the downtown Campus Theatre.

"I'm most excited to get started filming. And really the whole process, honestly. Editing a movie is just as fun as filming a movie. Even more important, arguably," Hayes added. "So, editing, I'm really looking forward to. Casting: we did some casting last weekend, we have a lot more still to do, but even the auditions were really cool. I'm genuinely excited for every step of the process."

"Also, the post production process, we plan on submitting it to festivals, student festivals around the country," Bunzel said. "And hopefully, if we make something good, this could help our careers after college."

The directors also noted the very "Bucknell" character of the production. On top of the

directors, other Bison are getting involved as production assistants and actors, and a majority of the filming will be happening on campus or in the Lewisburg area. On top of other film shooting experience, Hayes and Bunzel are both involved in campus' Film & Media Studies program.

"We took a production class with Eric Faden last semester, where we shot a pilot, and it was pretty much all in our hands to get the equipment, decide what camera movements we want to do," Bunzel said.

Faden is the National Endowment for the Humanities Chair in the Humanities and a Professor of English. The group also mentioned Daniel Nienhuis, the department's Video Production Specialist.

"With the guidance of Eric Faden [and] Daniel Nienhuis, we kind of learned a lot about the ins and outs of production. And I really think that class, out of all the classes I've taken at Bucknell, is what's really going to help me move forward with this production," Bunzel said.

Hayes and Bunzel plan on entering the short film in various film festivals, including one held by the University every two years, called the Bucknell Intercollegiate Film Festival (BIFF). BIFF is open to all undergraduate and graduate students attending any Pennsylvania school. While 2020's was held online due to COVID-19, this year they plan on holding it in-person downtown at the Campus Theatre in the spring.

Bostwick gets a few upgrades

Jessie Castellano
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While most of the University population was enjoying the long holiday break at home, the University Dining service was working diligently on the expansion of the Bostwick Marketplace.

The demolition and renovation of the dining began on Dec. 20 and was complete by the time students arrived back on campus. In addition to previous meal options, such as the Grill, Egg Bar, Pizza and Pasta stations, there is now a new build-your-own-smoothie bar and grainery as well as an expanded deli and dessert section.

Bostwick Marketplace, mostly called the "Caf" by students, is the campus' central dining location. Other popular dining choices include The Commons Café by the South Campus Apartments and The Bison Café, also in the ELC.

Nearly all first-year students can be found eating at Bostwick since the school requires the purchase of the anytime-access meal plan. Students hope that Bostwick's new updates can help cater to the needs of all students, along with the Honest Eats station, which caters to students with dietary needs that cannot be met at the regular lines.

The new smoothie section offers a wide range of fruits and vegetables. It also

allows students to take out their smoothies. It has been very popular since students arrived back on campus a few weeks ago.

"Lines have been very long. Today, people were lined up out the door," Bostwick staffer Justin said.

A question many have is whether these new upgrades will compete with other dining options like Bison Fresh, which also offers smoothie and grain bowl variations. However, meal plan options may make choices easier for students. Dining dollars are accepted at both locations, but a smoothie at Bison Fresh is around \$9.00, compared to the \$12.75 price tag of entering Bostwick at lunch hours.

If students could get the same smoothie, along with the other options available in Bostwick for less than \$4 more, they may be more likely to go into Bostwick.

"I like that the team members can make the sandwich for you and now you can get your bread toasted. They also offer sandwich specials, which can make it easier to decide what you want to eat," Noel Fullman '25 said.

After much of last year, with all dining options only providing limited takeout meals, updates of any kind seem valuable to students. The new stations allow students to build their own meals, rather than having to eat what is selected on the dining menu for the week.



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First Year moves into Beta Bupsilon house

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Following Beta Bupsilon's official removal from campus Greek life, first-year students eager to get out of the mold-riddled confines of Vedder Hall seized the opportunity to live in the coveted Beta Bupsilon chapter house.

Rudy Ardolf '25 arrived at the uphill location excited about the prospects of not only a huge basement but also the lessened risk of black mold poisoning. However, upon opening the doors of the former chapter house, he found his new living quarters to be less than favorable.

Mrs. and Mr. Ardolf immediately proclaimed that they were already feeling "second-hand high" upon opening the doors. Rudy, convinced that second-hand highs are a myth, quickly waved away their concerns but later felt himself feeling under the influence as well. Rudy made his way up the Natty Light-covered stairs to unlock his second-floor dorm.

Upon opening the door to his brand-new single, Rudy found an unexpected roommate. Under the bed was a fifth-year former Beta Bupsilon member, Joseph Radnor, who apparently had not gotten the memo. Standing up in a drunken

stupor, Joseph slurred, "Yo what are you doing, you're gonna miss Dior playing!" When Rudy informed Joseph that he was, in fact, a first-year, and there was no party going on, Rudy stated, "Name five brothers." All attempts made by Rudy to convince Joseph that his fraternity had been kicked off campus were in vain.

While trying to rub out the conspicuous stains from the carpet, Rudy heard his father calling to him across the hall. Rudy was shocked to find his father sporting a Bavarian beer-boy costume, surrounded by abandoned Oktoberfest paraphernalia. He decided to grab a cup as a souvenir.

After having a long sit-down talk with Joseph explaining that he could no longer live under the bed, Rudy looked out the window to spot him playing die with what he could only assume were imaginary friends (or, perhaps, a Beta Bupsilon ghost). He peeled numerous "Saturdays are for the Boys" banners off the wall, and found numerous holes created by a previous resident after a bad night at 109. To his chagrin, he quickly discovered that there was mold here too, atop a Pizza Phi pizza from 2008.

As he sat down on a pile of empty beer cans, Rudy reflected, "Hey, at least I got a foosball table!"

American truckers join Canadian convoy rerouting to Ottawa: Freedom at what cost?

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Right now, the world's largest motorized convoy in human history is happening in Canada, with an estimated 50 thousand trucks participating. American and Canadian truckers alike are driving to Ottawa, the country's capital. However, it is important to note that the self-described "Freedom Convoy" is carrying what may be thousands of cases of maple syrup and ice that are designated to be delivered to both their countrymen and us, their southern countrymen.

This convoy is not only disrupting an already exacerbated supply chain (as seen all over the country with empty shelves, a lack of dateable partners, missing gas and cargo ship backups), but it is also disrupting our lives as American citizens. Who do they think they are, thinking that they can just flout COVID regulations? Boris Johnson? These measures are made to save lives.

These people are clearly a fringe group who do things like wear socks with flip-flops and drink water from cans. In fact, on the television show "La Semaine Des 4 Julies" (or "The Week of the 4 Julies" in English), Justin Trudeau, honorable leader of Canada said of the convoy, "We have to make a choice, in terms of

leaders, in terms of the country. Do we tolerate these people?" and I couldn't agree more. Trudeau should have used his power against them for the good of society, much like revolutionaries such as Fidel Castro did, instead of absconding from Ottawa.

Since their cargo is so integral to the state of these two nations, I could (and should) argue that this diversion against the state and people is, in fact, treasonous. Who are they to put their freedoms over mine of eating Cheetos and shadow-boxing all day? How am I expected to pursue my dream of becoming a professional beatboxer without any boxes to beat?

Something has to be done. Whatever their demands are, be it an increase of time on the ice in between periods for the t-shirt gun guy, petitioning for moose to get jobs, or for the sled-dogs to ride on the left side of the road this time, let's come together and find a solution already! I am sick and tired of being reduced to my preference in maple syrup. I can't help that when I see Aunt Jemima, I shed a tear; a true cultural icon and part of my childhood has disappeared. Now I'm stuck with Log Cabin.

Editor's note: I was just informed that the change in packaging has nothing to do with supply chain issues. My bad.

Absolutely Fyre commencement speaker eyes Class of 2023 spot

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The University has a long-standing tradition of choosing well respected, accomplished and successful people – often alumni – to inspire drive and excitement for the graduating class. They hope to animate students to achieve the unachievable upon exiting the gates they had entered only four mere years prior. With the recent announcement of the 2022 commencement speaker, University graduate Daisy Auger-Dominguez '95, next year's senior class, the class of 2023, was eager to find out who their commencement speaker would be.

While commencement speakers are generally driven and successful people, such as Auger-Dominguez, rumor has it that the class of 2023 has something else in mind for their speaker.

According to a member of the class of 2023, former University student – but not graduate – Billy McFarland will give a tell-all virtual speech to the class of 2023 from his federal prison cell. This student claims he knows McFarland through "family connections" and that he has already agreed to take on the role of commencement speaker.

Though host to many accolades, McFarland is most commonly known for his position as co-founder of the infamous "Fyre Festival," which landed him six years in jail and the

title "Fraudster" adorning his Wikipedia page.

For those who are unfamiliar with McFarland and his years as a "con artist" (the student prefers 'confidence entrepreneur'), he convinced famous people they were going to a luxury music festival in the Bahamas; in reality they were met with tents, boxed sandwiches, and no way out from the large-scale frat party on a beach. McFarland tricked influencers and artists into promoting the event, thinking it would be better than Coachella while secretly committing investment fraud.

Some students are outraged by the idea of allowing a con artist to speak at graduation, but others are passionate about the drive and hard work demonstrated by McFarland. "I mean yeah, he only made it through his first-year here before dropping out, but I think his impact on our school is huge and we gotta respect that," stated a student and McFarland fan.

Another student was optimistic about McFarland, saying, "Well I heard if he's our speaker, Kendall Jenner will be at commencement."

Keep an eye out on your email, fellow Bucknellians; BSG will soon send out a poll to figure out if the Class of 2023 is ready for McFarland's wisdom. Reportedly, he's already refining his opening line – "Do I have a business opportunity for you all..."

Kim Kardashian appears on campus, fight between Ye and Pete Davidson breaks out



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One of the most popular recent events that the University has held was a Q&A session with the famous comedian and star of Saturday Night Live, Pete Davidson. Davidson, a true intellectual, had many knowledgeable things to say to students such as "Do what makes you happy," and that he often watches the TV show Fairly Odd Parents in his spare time.

In the world of pop culture, Davidson has made headlines by dating reality TV star, socialite and model Kim Kardashian. Naturally, this raised the question, "What does Kim Kardashian's former lover, Kanye West, think about all this?" We got our answer, unfortunately, at a devastating cost.

During the Q&A, one of the questions asked was, "Who is the most famous person that you have in your contacts?" Collectively the student body

knew the answer, but Davidson smartly dodged the question, giving an answer that left most in attendance satisfied. One person, however, was not.

"Shouldn't your current girlfriend be the most famous person you have on your phone?" somebody asked from the audience. Right then it was so silent that you could hear a pin drop. Everyone knew whose voice that was: Kim Kardashian's. Sitting right next to her was Mr. West.

Things escalated very quickly after that. West quickly rushed onto the stage, leaving Davidson, the moderator and the student body in shock. West grabbed the microphone from Davidson and said, "Hey, sorry that I'm late, but you should be honored by my lateness."

Davidson then tried to grab the microphone back from West who threw a punch at Davidson's face, shocking everyone in attendance. Security rushed onto the stage but it was too late; a

full-fledged fight had broken out.

The aftermath of the tragedy was intense. Davidson walked away with a black eye claiming that he was going to make a sequel to his acclaimed movie, The King of Staten Island, called The King of Staten Island 2: The King Conquers Kanye. West walked away with a broken nose claiming that he was going to write about Davidson in his next song, a follow-up to his 2007 hit "Stronger," called "I am Stronger Than Pete Davidson."

Kardashian left the event early, claiming that she "didn't mean to cause any trouble."

The student body also took action. After the incident, one group of students decided to organize a campus-wide Fairly Odd Parents screening in honor of Mr. Davidson. Another group of students organized a viewing of Keeping Up With the Kardashians with episodes featuring Kanye West on the same night. More reports on that to follow as this story unfolds.

Townie files slippery suit against Bucknell over ice incident

AJ Lawrence
Staff Writer

The University tries its best to salt all roads and sidewalks during the winter for the safety of the students, faculty and locals that like to take leisurely walks on our lovely campus. For one Lewisburg local, however, the school's efforts weren't good enough.

Last Friday morning, word started to spread on campus that local woman Jacqueline Frosty filed a lawsuit against the University after claiming that she slipped on a sidewalk covered by ice on school grounds, resulting in a sprained wrist and a minor concussion. The University's administration and board have yet to make any comment on the situation, but enough students have been talking about it that we chose to investigate further into the matters. And as we have dug deeper into this icy incident, Ms. Frosty's claims may not be completely correct.

The injuries Ms. Frosty got from the icy incident are certainly real, the woman even

provided our team with a copy of the records and bills from the incident. However, the facts about the circumstances of the fall are proving to be a little slippery.

Ms. Frosty claimed that she slipped on a sidewalk that was on University property, however, a video a student managed to capture of the fall shows something else. After watching the video several times, all completely for research purposes, we saw that the iced up sidewalk Ms. Frosty slipped on belonged to a private residence not related to campus, and the ground she broke her arm on was completely free of ice on the University side of the property line. Checking property lines online confirmed this, and has raised questions about if the location of the sneaky slippery sidewalk matters or not.

However, no matter the facts about the case, University students have taken to Yik Yak to openly discuss the lawsuit. Many students have stated they support Ms. Frosty, most citing their reason being that the

University probably has the money to pay for any outcome of the lawsuit. When asking some students to elaborate their position, each made similar comments that can be summarized by one student's response. Senior Catherine Carcar told a representative, "It's a running joke between students that if you get hit by a car on campus, college is paid for. Getting severely injured on campus and being able to prove it wasn't your fault is a perfect recipe for some sort of settlement or at the very least some hush money. No one would actively encourage anyone else to get injured, not really, but when we pay the school enough and not all of it's going where it should, we'd all love to see them lose it over something like this."

Carcar's sentiment is agreed upon by many students here at the University, which is certainly why Ms. Frosty has gained the support of students so quickly. As we wait for updates on the lawsuit situation, we highly encourage students and locals to stay safe when walking around in this winter not-so-wonderland.

Operation gatekeep Bucknell

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This year, the University has received the most applicants in the history of the school. While admissions officers are by no means thrilled by the tall stacks of essays that accompany each high school senior's application, current students are even more bothered by the prospect of a large class of 2026. Many students who have suffered the moldy halls of Vedder and the off-campus hotel housing live in fear as they anticipate a repeat of this year's housing crisis that was caused by the record-breaking large class of 2025. Other students view the massive number of applications as an opportunity to lower the University's admissions rate and increase the school's place in the rankings of the U.S. News and Princeton Review. Although motivated by either housing fears or hopes to improve the University's reputation, current students agree that the school should not accept too many applicants from this

year's pool. Thus, as an attempt to dissuade high school seniors from coming to the University, the tour guides have initiated "Operation Gatekeep Bucknell."

Tour guides have created a system to filter out students who visit campus. First, they put cones on all of the visitor parking spaces. Therefore, when high school seniors arrive on campus, they are forced to find a student parking spot. After failing to locate a parking spot that is both legal and convenient, many prospective students go home before they can even start their tour. If the student passes this trial and finds parking without gaining a ticket from Public Safety, they may start their tour.

The guides then take the prospective students through the first-year dorms. Although the leader of "Operation Gatekeep Bucknell," Gale Boss '25, wanted to coordinate fire alarms with the tours, this was unnecessary due to the frequency of burnt bagels and popcorn in first-year halls. Therefore, without much effort from the tour guides, most students, upon hearing the

blaring sirens, run as they think the purge is about to start.

Next, if prospective students make it through the tour without retaining permanent ear damage, the tour guides take them to the Caf to experience the University's exquisite cuisine. After sitting on a sticky chair while feasting on pink grilled chicken and bread that is a suspicious hue of University blue, many prospects disappear into the bathroom, never to be seen again. Only the brave emerge.

Finally, after the prospective students finish the tour, the guides present them with a sweatshirt that is University orange. Thus, after learning that the school colors are incompatible with anything in their closet, most of the students who survived the tour will decline their admissions letters.

Overall, current students praise the tour guides' valiant efforts while sympathizing with the prospective students who endure the tours. Many think that due to the harsh nature of the tours the class of 2026 may be the most robust class yet.

Beyond Being at Bucknell:

*Highlighting especially unique careers
Bucknell alumni have pursued*



Cara Le Coz
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With a simple Google search, a list of the University's Notable Alumni fills the page, revealing a panoply of famous and influential graduates. Some may be fairly familiar; others may spark further research and a deep dive into their life paths. Perhaps we aspire to such notability in our own future careers, aiming someday to land on this page among this select group. However, we may realize that the list is not as exhaustive or representative as it appears. In fact, a vast majority of University graduates have met with great success across multiple career sectors.

Ken Langone '57 is likely one of the more well-known alumni — the cofounder of the Home Depot and namesake of the ELC (Elaine Langone Center) as well as the KLARC (Kenneth Langone Athletics and Recreation Center), along with a \$30 million endowment donated by the Langone family to the University. In addition, he received an MBA from NYU Stern School of Business. According to Forbes, Langone's net worth is estimated at \$6.3 billion as of 2022.

Edward Hermann '65 is an actor known for playing insurance consultant Richard Gilmore in Gilmore Girls and nicknamed the "History Channel Guy" for his narration work. He laid claim to an extensive acting career in theater, television, and film dating back to the 1970s, where he received a Tony and an Emmy for his work. His interest in theater grew

while pursuing an English degree at the University. Hermann's daughter and niece also happen to be University alums, continuing in his legacy. Before his unexpected death in 2014, Hermann visited campus and was interviewed about his time at the University. "Choose what draws you," Hermann said during the 2010 interview, noting that his time as a University undergraduate "helped me realize what I love to do."

"It's important that you define your own journey," he added, because "[n]o one else can."

Nadia Sasso '11 has recently gained interest in the public eye, describing herself in a 2019 interview with VoyageLA as a "creative producer, unconventional scholar, and optimistic human that believes everyone should tell and own their story." Sasso received a dual B.A. in English and Sociology as a Posse Scholar; from there she continued her studies with an M.A. in Documentary Film from Lehigh and an M.A. in Africana Studies from Cornell. Sasso eventually earned a Ph.D. in Africana Studies with a minor in Film. Her experience in media production, marketing and advocacy has allowed her to forge her path establishing Nadia Marie & Co. In 2015, she produced and directed a documentary, "Am I Too African to be American? Too American to be African?" which enters into the complexities of being bicultural — specifically African American — with this identity based

on women's perspectives, including actress Issa Rae. Christian Hubicki '07/'11 is a robotics research scientist and Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Florida State University. He received a B.A. in Physics and Music and an M.A. in Mechanical Engineering from Bucknell. But more will recognize Hubicki as one of the most brilliant Survivor contestants from the David vs. Goliath season. Christian was well-liked by fans and fellow contestants with witty remarks, thought-provoking metaphors and a humble wholesome demeanor.

Manya Saaraswat '19 won the 2019 Miss New Jersey pageant and second runner-up for the 2020 Miss World America. She received a B.A. in Biology, conducting her research as a Presidential Fellow. Manya received an M.S. at Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Science and now attends the University of Miami Medical School.

Gbenga Akinagbe '00 is an actor known in HBO's The Wire as Chris Partlow. He earned a dual degree in Political Science and English.

Mike Muscala '13 is a professional NBA player for Oklahoma City Thunder. He had a very decorated college career in the Patriot League, earning Player of the Year twice, First-Team three times, and Tournament MVP twice. In addition, the Bison men's basketball team retired No. 31 in honor of being the school's all-time leading scorer.

Bill Westenhofer '90 is an Academy Award Winner for Best Visual Effects for his

work in "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe", "The Golden Compass" and "Life of Pi". In addition, he has been a part of numerous productions as the visual effects supervisor from Wonder Woman to Elf. Westenhofer earned a B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering from the University.

Jessica Jackley '00 is an entrepreneur best known as the co-founder of the microfinance organization Kiva. She has been involved in multiple entrepreneurial ventures, such as serving as Walt Disney "Imagineering's" first Entrepreneur in Residence, co-founding ProFounder to later merge with GOOD Inc., and teaching Social Entrepreneurship at the Marshall School of Business at USC. Her book "Clay Water Brick: Finding Inspiration from Entrepreneurs Who Do the Most with the Least" elaborates Jackley's learned wisdom from years of successful entrepreneurship. Jessica earned a B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science, followed by an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business and honorary Ph.D.'s from Centenary College and Quinnipiac University.

The list goes on, continuing to grow every passing year. Each of the above alumni mentions how their experience at the University helped shape them into the ambitious, creative and trailblazing individuals they became. In some way, they have exemplified how "Bucknell educates students for a lifetime of critical thinking and strong leadership characterized by continued intellectual exploration, creativity and imagination."

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Womens Basketball Dominates Loyola on the Road

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The Orange and Blue secured a win in their second road game of the week this past Saturday. The Bison defeated the Greyhounds 60-45. Four Bison scored points in double figures, with Carly Krsul '23 with a team high 14 points. Krsul was 5-6 on the night. She also added five rebounds, four blocks, a steal, and an assist. The win added to Bucknell's 15-5 overall record and Patriot League record of 6-3.

Sophomore Julie Kulesza knocked down three shots from beyond the arc and scored a career-high 11 points. Another rookie, Isabella King '25, also contributed a career high with 10 points. Ceceilia Collins '25 added more double-digit points with 11 and contributed four assists and five rebounds.

The Orange and Blue capitalized on the Greyhounds' many turnovers. The Bison scored 21 points off of 19 Greyhound turnovers and added 17 assists. The Orange and Blue also dominated the paint outscoring the Greyhounds 28-12. The Bison had a very active bench who scored 35 points in the dominating victory.

The Bison were 21-of-44 (47.7

percent) and added 7 three-point shots, while the Greyhounds faced a 15-42 (34.9 percent). The Orange and Blue took an early lead by forcing seven turnovers in the first quarter and holding the Greyhounds to 2-of-9. The Bison were 7-of-16 in the first quarter. This solid opening quarter gave the Bison the early lead they needed to help secure the game.

The Orange and Blue kept the lead for the remainder of the game. The Greyhounds had a 7-0 run that cut the lead to 15 points, but that was the closest they got. This is the eighth time this season that the Bison have held their opponent to under 50 points.

Senior Marly Walls said, "I am super proud of the way our team is playing right now. The bench stepped up big in this game when we needed them to, and it just shows how well rounded we are. Our chemistry is great, and everything seems to be clicking. We are excited to keep working and improving."

The Orange and Blue return home to Sojka Pavilion on Wednesday, Feb. 2 to host Boston University at 6 p.m.

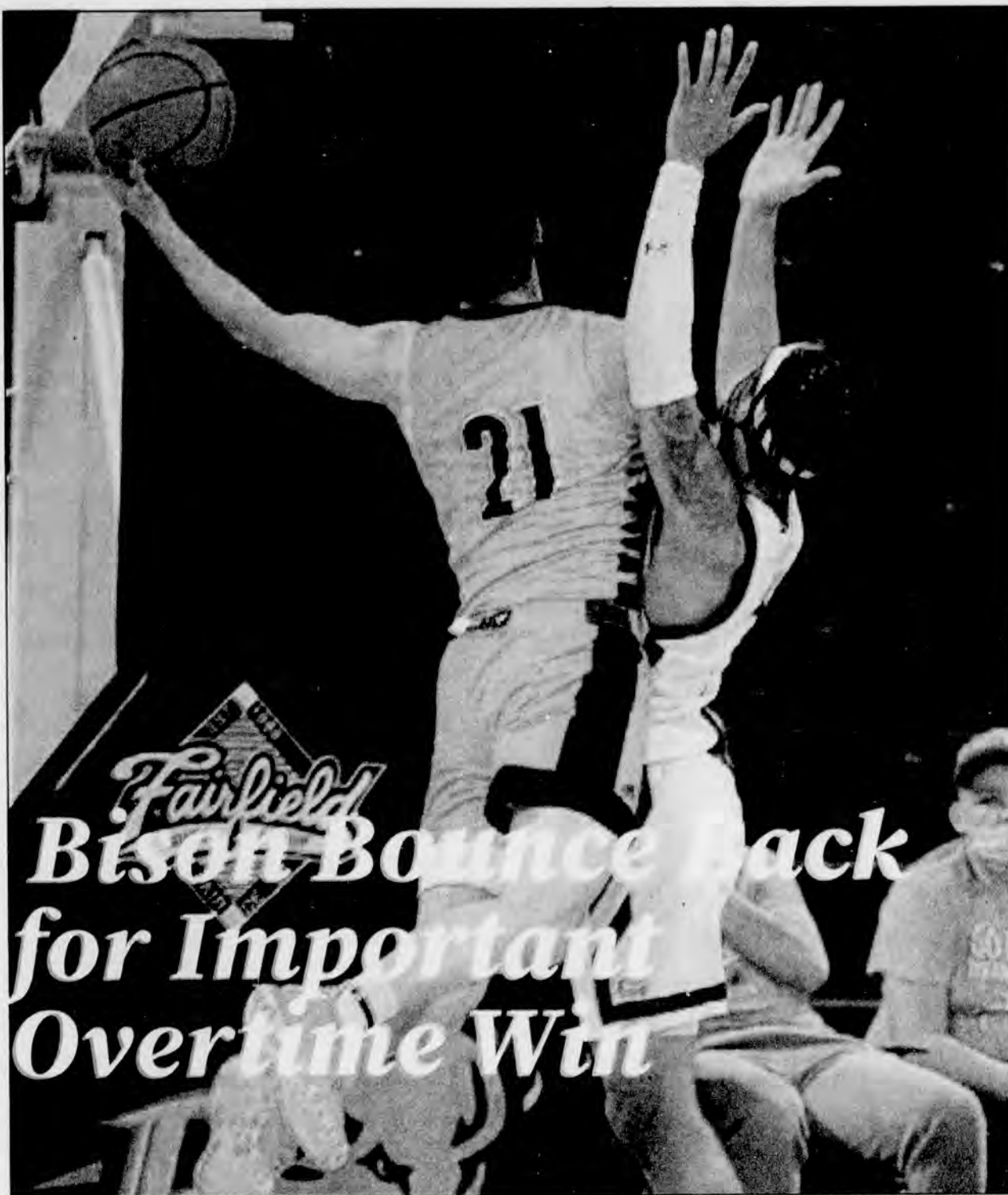


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Fairfield Bison Bounce Back for Important Overtime Win

Justin Schaumberger
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison pulled off an impressive win on Sunday, Jan. 30 knocking off Loyola Maryland 82-80 in overtime at Sojka Pavilion. Andrew Funk '22 scored a game-high 34 points including 27 after halftime while Xander Rice '23 knocked down four free throws in the final 13 seconds to secure the victory. The win came at the heels of a tough 81-63 loss to Navy at home on Jan. 26. The Bison now sit at

2-8 in Patriot League play and 5-17 overall on the season.

The game was a back-and-forth affair with 12 ties, 12 lead changes and neither team leading by more than eight at any point during the contest. The Bison held the lead for most of the contest, but Loyola mounted a comeback to take a 69-67 lead with 25 seconds left in regulation. Rice knocked down a go-ahead bucket that seemed like the game-winner on the next Bison possession. However, the Greyhounds got fouled and split a pair of free throws to

send the game to overtime. In overtime, the Bison managed to take a 77-74 lead on the back of their stellar defense. Every time the Greyhounds looked like they were about to take the lead back, the Bison got defensive stops and knocked down free throws on the other end. Loyola made a half-court shot at the buzzer to make the final score 82-80, but the Bison still walked away with a victory.

Funk led the way offensively for the Bison with his third 30-point game of the season. Funk also had one of his best

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Upcoming Events

Women's Basketball

- Vs Boston University on Feb. 2 at 6pm

Vs Lafayette on Feb. 6 at 5pm

Men's Golf

- Bucknell Veterans Inter-collegiate on Feb. 6-8

Wrestling

- Vs American on Feb. 6 at 2pm

Bison Track & Field posts strong weekend at Bison Open and Sykes & Sabock Meet

Holly Burns
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison track and field team was extremely successful in the Bison Open & Multi meet, and Penn State's Sykes & Sabock Challenge.

Brain Scotto '25 was the headliner in the Bison Open on Saturday, earning a Bison all-time top 10 performance in the 60m hurdles. Scotto now sits at no. 6 all-time in this event, racing an 8.21 in the prelims and an 8.22 in the finals. Kameron Schreffler '24 placed a close second, running an 8.48. The Orange and Blue also secured first place in the 5000 with Peter Sorensen '25 running a 15:27.47.

The Bison also took first and second in the distance relay, both earning IC4A qualifying times. The first place team of Brendan O'Toole '22, Schreffler, Alex Simpson '24 and Samuel Whittaker '23 ran a 10:13.84, and the second place team of Bobby Lynam '25, Sam Coughlin '25, Colby Belczyk '25 and Ben Santos '25 ran a 10:19.79.

The success at the Bison Open continued on Sunday. Ethan Wolford-Tuffy '24 ran a 49.60 in the 400m, slotting him first place. Brett Zatin '22, Rayven Sample '22 and Grant Ellis '25 all placed second in their events to further contribute to the success on the day.

The Bison women's team achieved similar success in the Bison Open & Multi meet, securing first and second place in the distance medley on Saturday. Lauren Trapani '25, Katherine Loew '25, Anna Posh '25 and Keeley Misutka '25 made up the

first place team, and Eva Lindner '24, Colleen Linko '24, Hailey Tabar '24 and Ally Clarke '24 made up the second place team.

Siobhan O'Sullivan '24 posted an excellent performance in the shotput, moving up in the Bison's all-time list from ninth to eighth with a score of 45-11.25, earning second place on the day.

On Sunday, Michaela Bracken '22 posted an ECAC qualifying time in the 500 with a time of 1:15.46. This time also ranks ninth on the Bison's top 10 list. Mackenzie Turner '23 ran the 800 in 2:18.53, earning her first place on the day.

At the Sykes & Sabock meet Ashlyn Ramos '22 took first place in the 3,000 and placed second on the school's top 10 list racing a 9:35.59. Three other Bison earned top 10 slots during the Penn State meet. Jenny Scott '23 sits at seventh all-time pole vault as she cleared 11-10.5. Jessie Castellano '23 posted the eighth best 400 time in Bison history with a time of 57.08.

The men were also extremely successful at the Penn State Sykes & Sabock meet. Colby Belczyk '25 finished just short of a University top-10 time in the 800, running a 1:53.03. Alex Simpson '24 finished closely behind with a personal best 1:54.33.

Samuel Whittaker '23 added a career high as well in the mile, with a 4:16.15. Robert Feeney '24 posted a 56-11.25 in weight throw, a career best for him as well.

The Orange and Blue men's and women's track squads will be back in action Feb. 11 and 12 at the VMI invite in Lexington, Virginia.

NIL: Impacting Bucknell and Beyond

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In the past, regardless of talent or popularity, student-athletes were unable to use their own name, image and likeness in any for-profit opportunities. Last June, this changed. NIL guidelines now allow student-athletes to harness their personal name, image, and likeness in order to collaborate with different brands, campaigns, companies and media, allowing student-athletes the chance to strike deals and profit from their own name and image.

In the wake of this announcement, one of the University's own student-athletes decided to use this opportunity to support a good cause. Chris Cannizzaro '22, a senior on the Bison baseball team, became a student-athlete ambassador for the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

Founded in the wake of 9/11, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation honors firefighter Stephen Siller, who sacrificed his life in order to help others during the attack on the Twin Towers. The foundation aims to provide mortgage-free homes to families who have members in the service, as well as honoring the military, veterans and first responders who have fought and continue to fight for our nation. Their goal is to make sure that the new generations of Americans

"never forget" the effort put forth by these heroes.

Cannizzaro, one of only four student-athletes named to the inaugural T2T Student-Athlete Advocates team, has a personal connection to the cause.

"It means the world to me to be able to be involved with the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. My father was a fireman who worked at Ladder 101 in Red Hook, Brooklyn and was a first responder to the attacks on 9/11. Unfortunately he lost his life that day, but I try my best to carry out his legacy every single day. Being a part of this amazing foundation allows myself along with the rest of the athletes involved to spread their message and make sure the world never forgets our heroes," Cannizzaro said.

Cannizzaro's involvement with this cause constitutes just one of many student-athletes who have taken advantage of the new opportunities presented by NIL ownership.

"We have already seen tons of student athletes benefiting from the new NCAA rules regarding NIL. For those at bigger schools in the Power 5 conferences, some athletes have reported agreeing to almost seven figure deals," Cannizzaro said. This is accurate; for-profit opportunities, particularly brand deals, have allowed athletes at several

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defensive games of the season, holding Loyola's leading scorer Cam Spencer to only 11 points despite averaging 19.4 coming into the game. Rice made some important free throws late on his way to 14 points and also contributed eight assists and six rebounds. The Bison bench gave them a big lift on the backs of eight points from Alex Timmerman '23 in 28 minutes and nine points from Malachi Rhodes '23 in 13 minutes.

The Bison shot 53.2 percent from the field and an impressive 92 percent from

the free-throw line in a 23-25 performance. Loyola was able to stay in the game thanks to a 27-0 edge in points off turnovers due to the Bison's 20 turnovers. The Bison will need to clean up on the turnovers in their upcoming contests.

Earlier in the week, the Bison lost at home against Navy by a score of 81-63. The first half was close with the Midshipman going into halftime up 35-27. The Midshipman were able to pull away early in the second half making their first seven shots of the second half. The Bison were never able to get

back into the contest.

Funk finished with a game-high 17 points and moved into 41st place on the all-time Bison scoring leaders. Andre Screen '24 finished with 15 points, eight rebounds and three blocks in a very well-rounded game. Rice had another good game scoring 10 points and dishing out four assists.

The Bison will be back in action on Feb. 2 as they travel to rivals Colgate. The game will take place at 7 p.m. The Bison will then travel to Easton, Pa. to take on Lafayette on Feb. 5 at 2 p.m.

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universities across the country to receive large amounts of compensation for their name, image, and likeness. "For athletes at smaller schools like myself, it gives me an opportunity to partner with an organization that represents something I have a personal connection to and deeply care

for," Cannizzaro said.

Though not the only student-athlete at the Bucknell that has taken advantage of the new law, Cannizzaro's dedication to using his NIL to support a good cause is admirable.

Name, image and likeness laws are still being worked on as the NCAA and state

governments handle the influx of student-athletes utilizing their opportunities. It may be a while until concrete laws are spread nationwide; however, it will be interesting to see the amazing opportunities awarded to these student-athletes in the future.

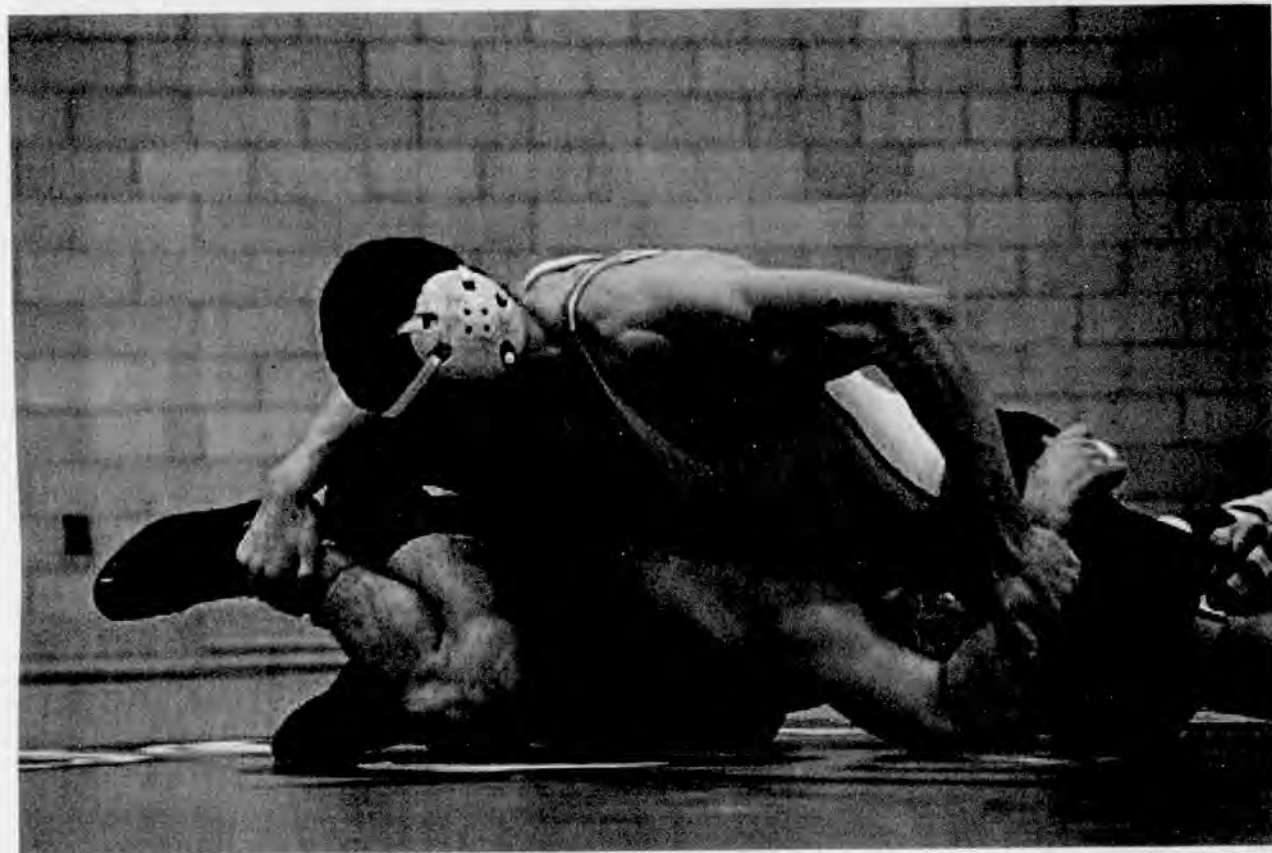


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Wrestling Goes 1-1 in a Home Weekend

Logan Kinajil-Moran
Contributing Writer

The Bison wrestling team hosted Army West Point and Rider University over the weekend at Davis Gym. The Orange and Blue were bested by Army 21-12 on Saturday Jan. 29, before bouncing back to beat the Rider Broncs 17-15 on Sunday.

The Bison's defeat to the Black Knights ended their seven-dual winning streak, tied for their best-ever start (their 10-2 record is only equaled by the 1992-93 squad). Army took six out of the 10 bouts contested. Victories by Zach Hartman '22, Luke Niemeyer '23, Brandon Seidman '22 and Kurt Phipps '24 weren't enough to prevent Army West Point from picking up their first win of the year.

"Army always comes to fight, and they do a really good job at keeping matches close. They have a talented group of wrestlers that we will always find a battle with, and it's always exciting. With them, it's always a battle of who can wrestle longer than their opponent, so the match against Army gave us a gauge

as to what to work on in the remainder of the season," Hartman said on the dual.

The team took the opportunity to bounce back the next day with a late comeback victory over Rider on Sunday. The Bison trailed the Broncs 15-10 before Kolby DePron '25 and Nick Delp '24 took victories in the final two bouts to take the win. Hartman, Mason McGready '23 and Seidman took earlier victories to set up the win.

"The bounce-back win over Rider was important for us because it was a serious gut check. As a captain, I loved seeing the guys battle it out and leave everything on the mat just 24 hours after our defeat against Army. Our match against Rider wasn't the prettiest, but it showed us who we really were and that we have guts to grind out matches, even if it's not going our way," Hartman said.

No. 17 Hartman took two wins over the two duals, including beating out fellow nationally ranked wrestler No.

28 by a 6-2 decision, marking his 15th career victory over a nationally ranked opponent.

"I think finding the fun in the sport and just viewing wrestling altogether as a long-term process allowed me to win this past weekend. I feel that when I focus too much on one specific match, I hold back. Therefore, I just viewed my matches this weekend as 'another day' mentality. I fully respect both of my opponents and didn't overlook them. I just find that if I don't put a face to a name, then I wrestle my best," Hartman said after his successful weekend.

The Bison finished the weekend with an 11-3 overall record and a 6-1 EIWA record. Hartman has attributed their stellar start to the season to their "synergistic energy" and believes they can "easily become one of the best teams in program history." The team faces up next at Navy in Annapolis, Md. on Friday, Feb. 4, then hosts American University at Davis Gym on Sunday, Feb. 6.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jenny Scott '23

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The Bison women's track and field team has done very well in their season thus far. This past weekend at the Penn State Sykes and Sabock Challenge, pole vaulter Jenny Scott '23, had a noticeable run, placing 8th.

Earlier in the season, Scott placed first amongst all the pole vaulters at the Gulden Invite that took place in the Orange and Blue's own Gerhard Fieldhouse on Jan. 22, as well as fourth in the Nittany Lion Challenge on January 15. Her jumps included the impressive heights of 11'10.5, 11'9.75, and 11'5.75.

The female track star has not just been successful this current winter season, as she has recorded numerous impressive achievements throughout her career. Scott joined the team her freshman year but expresses it was not until her sophomore campaign that she proved herself a quality competitor.

"Personally, I definitely struggled my first year on the track team, not hitting any of the marks I wanted to or knew I could hit. But if I have learned anything from my experience as a vaulter and on this team, it is to never give up, as cliché as that sounds. The last couple of seasons have been really great and I am so excited for the rest of our indoor season as well as our upcoming outdoor season."

Her last couple of seasons have indeed been impressive. During the outdoor 2021 season, Scott jumped an 11'5.75 at the UVA opener to earn a 6th place finish as well as an 11'5.75 at a home meet against St. Francis and UMBC for the runner up position. Her first-place finishes came at the Lehigh Happy Easter Races, where she also jumped an 11'5.75, and at the Bucknell Quad Meet where she jumped a whopping 12'0. At the Patriot League Championships last outdoor season, the vaulter placed 8th and scored half a point, jumping an 11'7.75. In all of Bison Track and Field history, the junior holds the record for 4th all-time best pole vault for outdoor and 7th all-time pole vault for indoor.

Even with all these amazing feats, Scott is looking to improve even further but also reflects on how fortunate her team is to have a full season, once more, after having

partial seasons in the past due to COVID-19. "Shooting for personal bests is always the goal, but right now I am just enjoying the full season we are lucky enough to have this year. I think I am most excited about the upcoming Patriot League Championships which is at our home track this year!"

Scott and her Bison teammates will compete once again on Feb. 11 and 12 at the VMI invite, where the vaulter will grow even further as an athlete and teammate.

"Joining the Women's Track and Field Team was one of the best decisions I've ever made. I get to do something I love every single day with teammates who are also my best friends. This team is so talented across all events and it is really amazing to watch my teammates during practice and meets. Seeing all the hard work people put in on and off the track pay off is a really cool experience and something I'm so glad to be a part of. I also love how encouraging and supportive this team is of each other. Coming to practice is usually the best part of my day and I can say with certainty that it is because of the girls on this team and our awesome coaches," Scott said.

Career Stats

-1st at Bucknell Quad in 2021 with 3.66m
-1st at Lehigh Happy Easter Races in 2021 with 3.50m
-1st at Gulden Invite in 2022 with 3.60m
-4th best all time Bison outdoor pole vault
-7th best all time Bison indoor pole vault

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sports news across the nation

Rooney Rule needs to Change

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Sports Co-Editor

With the Super Bowl just two weeks away, one would expect the NFL world to be solely focused on the big game that decides the League champion. Instead, former Dolphins coach Brian Flores is in the spotlight, filing a class action lawsuit against the NFL on Feb. 1 alleging racial discrimination. In the lawsuit, Flores notes that "[i]n certain critical ways the NFL is racially segregated and is managed much like a plantation. Its 32 owners — none of whom are Black — profit substantially from the labor of NFL players, 70 percent of whom are Black."

Flores, a four-time Super Bowl Champion, has worked in various NFL positions since 2004, first in the front office and coaching staff, but ultimately culminating in a stint as head coach for the Miami

Dolphins from 2019 to 2021. Despite being fired at the end of the past season, Flores was seemingly a popular candidate for several head coaching positions including the Broncos and Giants, but emerged from the interviews with no offers. Flores claims that he was never an actual candidate for the jobs and was only interviewed to meet the requirements of the controversial "Rooney Rule." The Rooney Rule states that NFL teams must interview at least one minority candidate for a head coaching or football operations opportunities in senior manager positions.

Flores backed up this statement with several private text messages exchanged between himself and Patriots head coach Bill Belichick. In the text messages, Belichick congratulated Flores on a

great interview and tells him, regarding a head coaching position for the Giants, that it "Sounds like you have landed — congrats!!" However, these texts were exchanged days before Flores even interviewed for the position. It was later revealed that Belichick believed at the time that he was texting Brian Daboll, recently named the head coach for the Giants. This would have rendered Flores' interview absolutely irrelevant, only nominally satisfying the Rooney Rule.

When taking into account the accusations posed by Flores, and looking at the demographics of the NFL, a striking pattern is revealed. According to the lawsuit, only one NFL team employs a Black head coach; only 15 out of the 64 offensive and defensive coordinates (23 percent) are Black; only six of the 32 NFL general managers

(19 percent) are Black; and, despite 70 percent of NFL players being Black, not one owner is. Time and time again, minority head-coaching candidates are passed up for white candidates, despite the presence of exceptionally qualified Black and minority candidates. Eric Bieniemy, offensive coordinator for the Chiefs since 2018 and hailed as a brilliant coach and one of the smartest NFL offensive minds, has still not gotten a head coaching opportunity. Byron Leftwich finally may get a coaching job with the Jaguars, a rare appreciation for his unparalleled talent in previous seasons.

Minority coaches are also being fired even despite stellar performances for their teams. Flores had a winning record in the past two seasons and barely missed the playoffs in each of them before being sacked.

David Culley was fired this off-season by the Texans, despite having a better season than many expected with the team's subpar roster.

All of these issues seemingly circle back to the Rooney Rule. Despite being put into place in 2003, there has been no substantial change in the number of minority coaches or executives in the NFL. In Flores' mind, the NFL needs to make significant improvements to its hiring practices or things will never get better. "I may be risking coaching the game that I love and that has done so much for my family and me," Flores said regarding the lawsuit. "My sincere hope is that by standing up against systemic racism in the NFL, others will join me to ensure that positive change is made for generations to come."

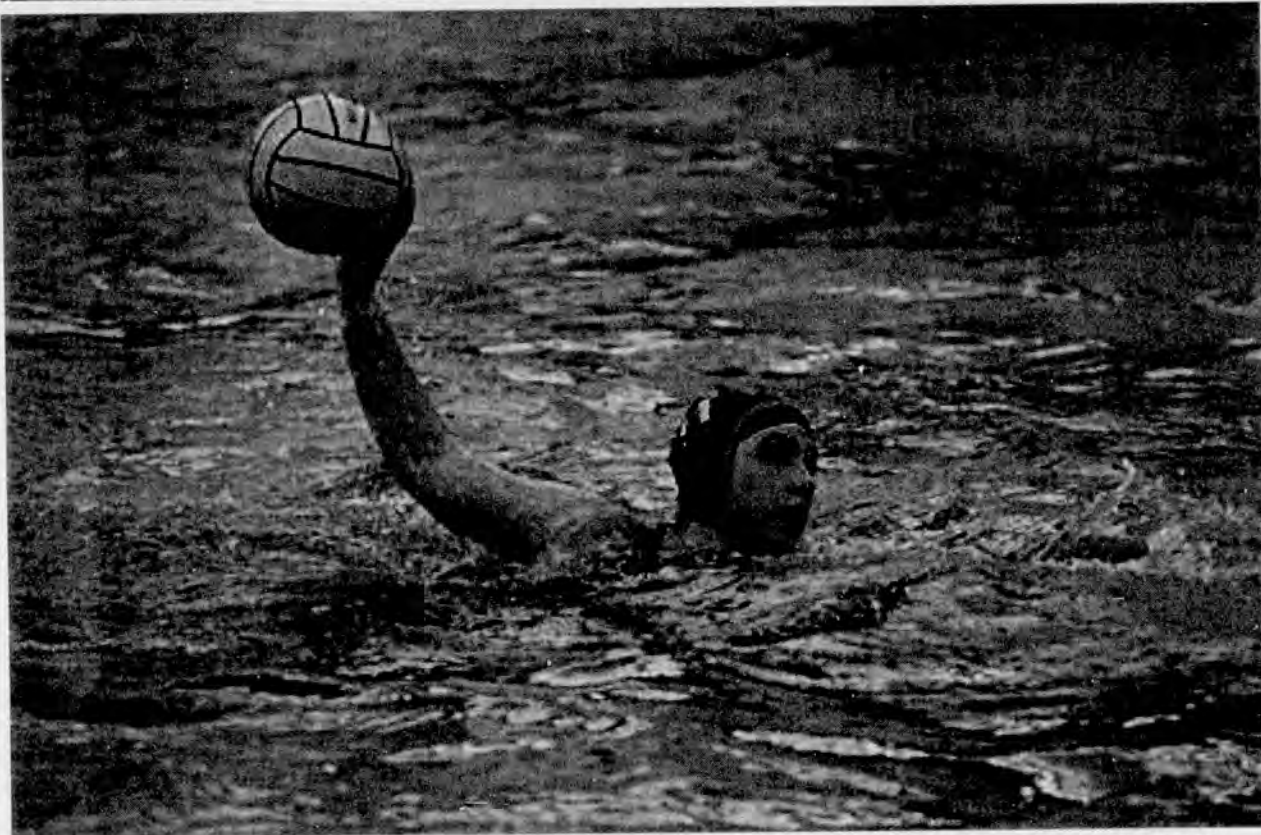


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No. 24 Bison start strong in the Bucknell Invitational

Laurel McHale
Senior Writer

The Bison women's water polo team had a successful opening weekend of their season. The No. 24-ranked Bison beat LaSalle and St. Francis Brooklyn but took a tough loss against Wagner.

In the opening match against LaSalle, the two teams proved to be tough competitors, keeping it close throughout. It was a low-scoring first period with LaSalle taking an early 2-0 lead over the Orange and Blue. The second quarter was a high-scoring frenzy, with nine goals scored between both teams. The Bison accounted for six of those points. Paige Furano '22, Isabelle Monaghan '24 and Larissa Hodzic '22 each scored in the frame. The Bison led 6-5 at the half.

LaSalle tied the game for the fourth time with a goal with 5:48 remaining, but a first career goal by Ali Jackson '25 with 2:58 to go gave Bison a cushion going into the final minutes. Hodzic netted the eventual game-winning goal with 1:06 left to gain a two-goal advantage and propel the Bison to a win over the Explorers. The final score was 10-9 in favor of the Bison.

Furano and Hodzic each scored three goals for the Bison in the victory, while Izzy Lippolis '25 and Jackson each scored their first career goals. Annika Lampen '25 made three saves in the win.

"Our win against LaSalle was great for the team, it gave us the motivation and momentum we needed to start off the season. We were most proud of the progress we've had since our initial loss to La Salle during the off-season," Hodzic said.

Later in the afternoon, the Bison prevailed in another close game against St. Francis of Brooklyn. The Bison came out strong with a 4-1 lead after the first quarter.

The Orange and Blue scored the first goal of the second quarter making the score 5-1, but St. Francis netted three of four goals to cut the Bison lead to 6-4.

St. Francis carried on this momentum in the second half, pulling within one in just the first 20 seconds of the third quarter. Chloe Smith '23 netted the response just nearly 20 seconds later to restore the two-goal cushion. The Bison were able to end the match with a

three-goal lead to go undefeated on the first day.

On Sunday, the Bison fell to a strong Wagner team 15-3.

No. 17 Wagner took control early in this match. The Bison only scored one of the first seven goals in the first quarter. The Orange and Blue were left with a 10-1 deficit at half.

Hodzic added two second-half goals for the Orange and Blue in the third quarter, but the Seahawks kept firm control in the game's final stages, taking a 15-3 win.

"Being such a young team, this weekend solidified that we have all the pieces in order to succeed and moving forward we need to keep up the same level of intensity in practices to build on what we did well and fix what we didn't do so well. We're super excited to keep pushing forward and see our hard work pay off as the season continues!" Hodzic said.

The Bison will be back in action next week as they travel to Princeton Invite to take on Iona, Saint Francis (Pa.), Princeton and VMI. The matches will take place from Feb. 11 to Feb. 13.

Bison Men's Tennis Fights Hard Against Big-Time Schools

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The Bison men's tennis team traveled to Michigan State this past weekend to face both Michigan State and Toledo in a series of challenging matches. Despite losing the overall sets, the Orange and Blue recorded a number of outstanding individual performances.

Michael Owen '23 and Tim Zelikovsky '24 secured singles victories against Toledo. Owen went 6-3, 5-7, 10-8 to fight back for his singles win. Similarly, Zelikovsky came back after losing the first set and tallied another singles win.

Later in the day, Owen was also able to secure a doubles victory against an unbeaten Michigan State team alongside partner Nick Mueller '23. Mueller is expected to be extremely impactful for the Bison this Spring, coming off

an excellent fall season. Mueller posted an 8-1-1 record in his fall singles matches, seven of those wins coming consecutively. He also went 7-4 in dual matches, making him the Orange and Blue's top doubles player in the fall as well.

Owen earned Patriot League Men's Tennis Player of the Week honors for his strong performances against both Michigan State and Toledo this past weekend. Owen's outstanding individual performance in defeating Toledo's Adam Kovac was one of the Bison's two points on the day. Owen is a junior from Folkestone, England, and is expected to continue posting strong performances as the Bison head into league play.

The Orange and Blue are back in action this coming Sunday, Feb. 6 against Drexel University in Philadelphia.

Bison make a splash

Alivia Handson
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The Bison swimming & diving teams competed over the weekend in Annapolis, Md. after receiving an invitation from Navy. The competition was held at Lejeune Hall and attended by American, Bucknell, Lafayette, Navy, Shippensburg and UMBC. Competition was no less intense despite scores not being kept.

The women's team's individual champion award for the day went to Esme Hunter '24 (200 IM). The Bison went 1-2-3 in the 200-free-style relay with Hunter anchoring the triumphant squad; Stephanie Walsh '24, Kayla Lichtner '24 and Caroline McGann '24 rounded out a solid team.

Liam Pitt '22 (200 butterfly), John Gehrig '24 (100 backstroke), Nick Haddad '22 (200 backstroke) and Sean Quinn '22 (400 IM) outraced the field for the men. In addition, Pitt and Quinn teamed with Sam Miller '22 and Sam Sweeney '22 for a first-place showing in the 200-free-style relay.

On the women's side, Sabrina Vumbacco '23 (4th, 2:02.42) and Maddie Hartigan '22 (7th, 2:02.97)

each clocked a school top-10 time in the 200-butterfly. On the men's side, Pitt posted Bucknell's seventh-best time in the 200-butterfly (1:50.99) while Nick Pirone '23 improved his score in the 3-meter dive to 253.40, solid for 10th in the school annals.

An exceedingly strong Hartigan, a five-time Patriot League medalist in freestyle races, took second in her first-ever collegiate appearance in the 200 IM.

In the end, the Bison combined to log four program top-10 marks and score 24 top-three finishes.

Hartigan spoke on the team's success this weekend, explaining that "our meet this weekend went super well and was a lot of fun. We were able to compete at the Naval Academy which is where our Championship meets will be held at."

"It was great to practice our racing in this pool to help prepare us for our Championships which are in about two weeks," she continued. "Our team has worked so hard this year and I am really excited to see everyone perform and cheer them on at our Championship meets."

This was the final match-up before the Patriot League Championships from February 16-19, which will also be held at Lejeune Hall. Go Bison!

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Reevaluating Pennsylvania's redistricting

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To the average voter, congressional district mapping may seem like a trivial task. However, in an election season where the majority party has a narrow margin in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, small changes to district maps can lead to big changes in election outcomes. In Pennsylvania, Governor Tom Wolf recently vetoed a new map devised by his Republican colleagues. In a memo released on Jan. 26, the Democratic governor proclaimed that the map "does not deliver on Pennsylvania Constitution's guarantee of free and equal elections."

Pennsylvania is notorious for its gerrymandered maps; in fact, in 2004, the Supreme Court heard a case regarding congressional districts in Pennsylvania. The plaintiffs claimed that the Republican-led state legislature had unfairly drawn district lines to undermine Democratic voter influence. Ultimately, the court ruled in favor of the state legislature. Interestingly, Anthony Kennedy agreed that state legislatures are "in the business of rigging elections" through political gerrymandering, but, he elaborated, a "workable standard" would be necessary to quantify and argue its existence in court.

Gerrymandering is a systemic issue in the U.S., and it undermines the legitimacy of elections. The seemingly obvious solution is redistricting maps in a nonpartisan manner, but that's easier said than done. Competitiveness, representation and geographical feasibility are all tenants of a "good" map, and cartographers have found that it is exceedingly difficult to incorporate all of these

when drawing district lines. Furthermore, when it comes time to approve of a new map, it is difficult to come to a consensus where each deciding party feels that their priorities are met and that there isn't a partisan bias that undermines their ability to win elections.

Hence, the present problem here in Pennsylvania.

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Supreme Court, prolonging the process even further.

It's clear that the redistricting process has become a mechanism through which partisans try to tip the balance of elections in their favor at the expense of the will of voters. While Governor Wolf has taken some measures to address this issue, like the 2018 executive order that formed a commission to "review non-partisan redistricting processes in other states that reduce gerrymandering, provide opportunities for public comment at community meetings and online, and make recommendations to the governor and legislature," it is clear that simply talking about the issue at hand isn't enough.

In order to prevent this gridlock in the future, Pennsylvanians should urge their representatives to revisit House Bill 22, otherwise known as the Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Act. This bill, which was devised in 2020 but never taken to a vote on the chamber floor, overhauls the redistricting process. The bill would require the state legislature to make all discussions about the redistricting process publicly available, as well as set specific criteria for a "fair map" so that a workable standard can be used to assess proposed changes. It would also mandate an analysis of census data well before the redistricting deadline, ameliorating the issue of election delays that have been caused by the current legislature's stalemate. Without public pressure, it is unlikely that real change will be made to the redistricting process in Pennsylvania and throughout the country, so contact your local representatives to find out what is going on in your state.

The state legislature is in a partisan gridlock because each new proposed map (at least 14 have been submitted for consideration) slightly favors one party over the other, dilutes the political power of either rural or urban voters, or it meets standards of fairness but is geographically unreasonable. The Commonwealth Court issued a Jan. 30 deadline for a new map to be approved by a judge. However, it is likely that the ruling will be appealed to the Pennsylvania

Groundhog Day: the best part of Pennsylvania

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We've reached February, which can only mean one thing: it's time to watch a groundhog named Phil come out of a hole and tell us how much longer winter is gonna be. Of course, to many across the country, Groundhog Day is a pretty insignificant holiday that ultimately decides nothing about how the actual weather will be for the weeks to come. For those who are uneducated about the specifics of the day, Groundhog Day is based on a Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if a groundhog emerges from its burrow home on Feb. 2 and sees its shadow, then winter will last for six more weeks. If the groundhog does not see its shadow, then spring will arrive early. There is no actual scientific backing to this prediction and often is actually contradictory to what the weather actually turns out to be over those weeks. Despite the silliness behind the whole event, and the amount of fanfare that goes into such an insignificant yearly ritual, I can't help but absolutely love this holiday and everything surrounding it. As a Pennsylvanian native, this may be the best part about living here for me.

Growing up in Pa., I wasn't necessarily connected to Punxsutawney Phil in any emotional way. I knew Groundhog Day came every year, and my parents always reminded me that "you know, Phil actually lives in Pa. like us" which would always intrigue me. As I got older, I would research more about the holiday and events surrounding it and just how crazy it all seemed. Starting at three in the morning, nearly 25,000 people gather at Gobbler's Knob to essentially party the morning away (no alcohol of course). There are performances all morning long, leading up to Phil's posse bringing him out for the crowd to see and gawk at. The group even claims that

Phil speaks to the president of the Groundhog Club in "groundhog-ese". This is such an absurd series of events that most outsiders might look at and shove aside as ridiculous. Well, I do admit it is ridiculous, I think that's what I love so much about it.

It is such a remarkably Pennsylvanian thing to take something that's so uninteresting or mediocre and turn it into a spectacle that is passionately loved across the state. This whole holiday represents the heart and soul of Pennsylvania, whether it be our sports teams that often disappoint us or a steak sandwich that might suck if you don't get it from the right place. We Pennsylvanians will put anything on a pedestal that makes us feel remotely any pride, and I love it so much. I know that not all Pennsylvanians share the same sentiment that I and many others do, but I just can't help getting excited every year for an event that will have no other effect on my life.

Many days in this state can feel like a total letdown. The weather is cold and unforgiving, the politics are just as divided as the rest of the nation and the global pandemic still rages on especially in our largest cities. What I count on though, what keeps me going and fills me with pride about living in this state, are the little victories that come from what we idealize. To me, that's what's so special about Groundhog Day. People are willing to get up for three in the morning to stand around in the cold and wait for a groundhog to probably make an inaccurate prediction about how long winter is going to be. If that isn't pride in what this great state stands for, I don't know what is. We learned this past Tuesday that Phil predicted six more weeks of winter, and I couldn't be happier to be a part of the state that provides this experience.

See you next year, Phil.

Marijuana and Money!

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Due to its increasing rate of legalization across the United States, the subject of marijuana has again returned to the forefront of national consciousness. As of July 2021, 18 states (plus Washington, D.C.) have legalized the use of marijuana, or weed, for recreational purposes. Various other states have taken similar initiative by legalizing marijuana for medicinal purposes, and many more are projected to join these 18 states in making weed completely legal just like alcohol. When we think about the debate around legalizing marijuana, one typically regards the health and safety precautions associated with the drug along with its impairing effects. But let's look at weed from a whole other lens - an economic lens.

Indeed, another consequence of mounting legalization efforts is a burgeoning marijuana industry. Based on the observable economic benefits exhibited in only some of the states, the

revenue that can be generated if the United States were to fully legalize weed is quite incredible. Increased tax revenues, job growth and investment opportunities are all positives of the legalization movement when we adopt an economic perspective.

In 2019, recreational and medicinal marijuana sales in the United States totaled about 12 billion dollars. This number is projected to increase to about 31 billion by 2024, according to analyses by Arcview Market Research and BDS Analytics. Talk about blazing sales! Not only is money funneled into the industry from buying weed itself, but also from the purchase of smoking accessories. Whether it be a bong, pen, edibles, rolling papers, or gum to defeat cottonmouth, there are numerous products that can enter the market alongside marijuana that can easily generate significant sales profit.

Another economic viewpoint to consider is labor. The

backbone of the industry and creating quality cannabis is the people who work in the dispensaries and nurseries. Marijuana production is an art form, as workers tend to the plants and create unique strains and extract valuable oils. A report by the New Frontier predicts that federally legal marijuana nationwide legalization could generate at least 1 million jobs by 2025. So the next time your parents tell you that you'll never get a job if you use marijuana, hit them with that statistic and prove them wrong!

Our nation is taking swift action to embrace legalization, but we are not quite there. To be blunt, I believe lawmakers are negligent to embrace legalization due to having a fear of drastic change. But, change isn't always so bad. Especially when the change can generate adequate investment opportunities, employment and profit. Wake up America! (or should I say wake and bake.) Let's get our economy high.



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The Pandemic's purpose in this Brave New Year

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As we enter into 2022 — the third year of the pandemic — it feels proper to do some reflecting. Since 2020, we have all been trying to find ways to manage the consequences of a global pandemic. We have lost time and experiences, and tragically millions of lives. But we have also found new sources of inspiration. In the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, many people found solace in books. I turned to "Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley.

The novel examines a fictional, hyper-advanced society that has no problems. However, their lack of issues comes in exchange for some critical portions of the human condition. With the exception of one boy who grew up in a world more similar to our own, the people live without love and passion, subsisting on an excess of simple pleasures. The boy yearns for profound conversations and Shakespearean intimacy, he is dismayed by the civilization's lack of interpersonal, artistic and philosophical depth; moreover, he criticizes the preeminent leader of the humanistically-deprived community. The leader's response implies that living a life of purpose, one that includes passion, requires a degree of loss, peril and sacrifice.

This sentiment made my mind itch with something between astonishment and curiosity. I could not help but search the real world for evidence.

It quickly became apparent that history's greatest champions are born out of tough situations. We remember the people who defied the odds, rose above their station and succeeded despite their circumstances. We forget those who sat idly by during times of great comfort. Despite the hardships we have endured, we cannot think of our struggles

with the pandemic as exceptional. In the words of author C.S. Lewis, we cannot "begin by exaggerating the novelty of our situation." We are not the first generation to encounter calamity, and certainly not the first to overcome it. Ultimately, the adversity that we confront, however unpleasant, helps to give life meaning and purpose.

In considering our best days, we realize that the instances in which our hearts feel most full almost always occur in the time after we have conquered an obstacle. Hard-fought or unlikely achievements are more memorable and satisfying than everyday, easy wins. Graduations are the conclusion of long, demanding educational journeys; the birth of a child represents the end of the laborious pregnancy process and a biological miracle; weddings are a celebration of beating the odds, of finding someone in this vast world with whom you would like to spend a lifetime. Our most visceral and meaningful successes are almost always won despite the circumstances, not because of them. This means that on our more ordinary days, we do not have to be grateful for our tragedies, but we must acknowledge their value as catalysts of progress. Adversity is a prerequisite to beauty.

There is no doubt that this pandemic has been acutely painful. But it has also made us more empathetic, gritty and resourceful. We have all suffered at the hands of COVID-19, but the experience has made us more grateful for the details, for seeing one another face to face, for living on campus. We have not always been and will not always be happy during this global disaster, but the triumphs that it has made possible will be spectacular.

Are you rich enough to be ethical?

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"Doing your part" is a fixture of U.S. marketing schemes in terms of sustainability and ethics. For decades the American public has been told that if you as an individual act sustainably or ethically and tell the people around you to do the same, big changes will be made. Yet, somehow, many of the problems that this message seeks to address remain unresolved, some after decades of "trying". This is because these problems are not to be resolved by individuals or even collective action. Sustainability issues, whether environmental, economic, or both, are systemic issues rooted in the framework of American society. Massive corporations have a chokehold on the American consumer and small business, and putting the responsibility of public welfare and sustainability on those groups is irrational and even dangerous.

When shopping locally or from a small business, people often ask, "why is this so expensive?" That's a wonderful question, but the answer does not stem from you having "expensive taste" or the small business trying to hike up prices because their goods are artisanal or organic. The answer lies in big business practices. We live in a profit-driven world, and for the greater part of the past century, so has the rest of the western world. Corporations like Amazon and Alibaba have grown beyond a scale that could

ever be previously imagined, and for these companies, the model is simple: sell the most possible products at the lowest possible price. Cheap materials, cheap labor and the domination of capital markets are the three keys to this system, and in the advanced capitalist economy that we have reached, the modern monopolies of today have gathered them all.

Unfortunately, the level of economic power that these corporations have garnered has also granted them a particularly large amount of influence over our social lives. Through heavily targeted marketing schemes and other forms of influence, those with middle-class wealth or even those who are tremendously wealthy, but at conceivable levels, are convinced that it is their shopping practices that are leading to problems ranging from wealth inequality all the way to climate change. This pressure does not only come from corporations, however. In an ever-present virtue-signaling battle, influencers and other media figures constantly praise the value of "ethical consumption", and flaunt their consumption of high-end, organic and sustainable products that are truly inaccessible to most people. The American consumer is in a bind between the tangible pressure of price markups for small businesses to compete with multinational conglomerates as well as

the social pressure of living in a world being crippled by the very production methods that make the products needed for everyday life.

The reality of all of this is that "ethical consumption" is impossible in the current economic climate of the world. The capitalist, profit-driven incentives that exist around the world create an absolute barrier to the widespread production of accessibly priced, ethically sourced and made products. This is not a calling to curb any sustainable shopping you may be doing as an individual, but rather just a call for awareness. Buying from corporations known for violating labor laws and sourcing materials in a destructive manner certainly is worth some criticism, but shopping from large brands because that is what is affordable is entirely a valid practice. Instead of directing criticisms at individuals, it is corporations that are deserving of the criticism and reform. Systemic issues are not resolved by individuals, nor collective action, but by active reform of the systems which have created the problems in the first place. So, support small businesses when you can, appreciate your local coffee shop, and look for ways to be resourceful in your own life, but also know that until a structural change is made, the perfectly sustainable dream is just that: a dream.

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Screen Time: Photography and Video Art in the Internet Age

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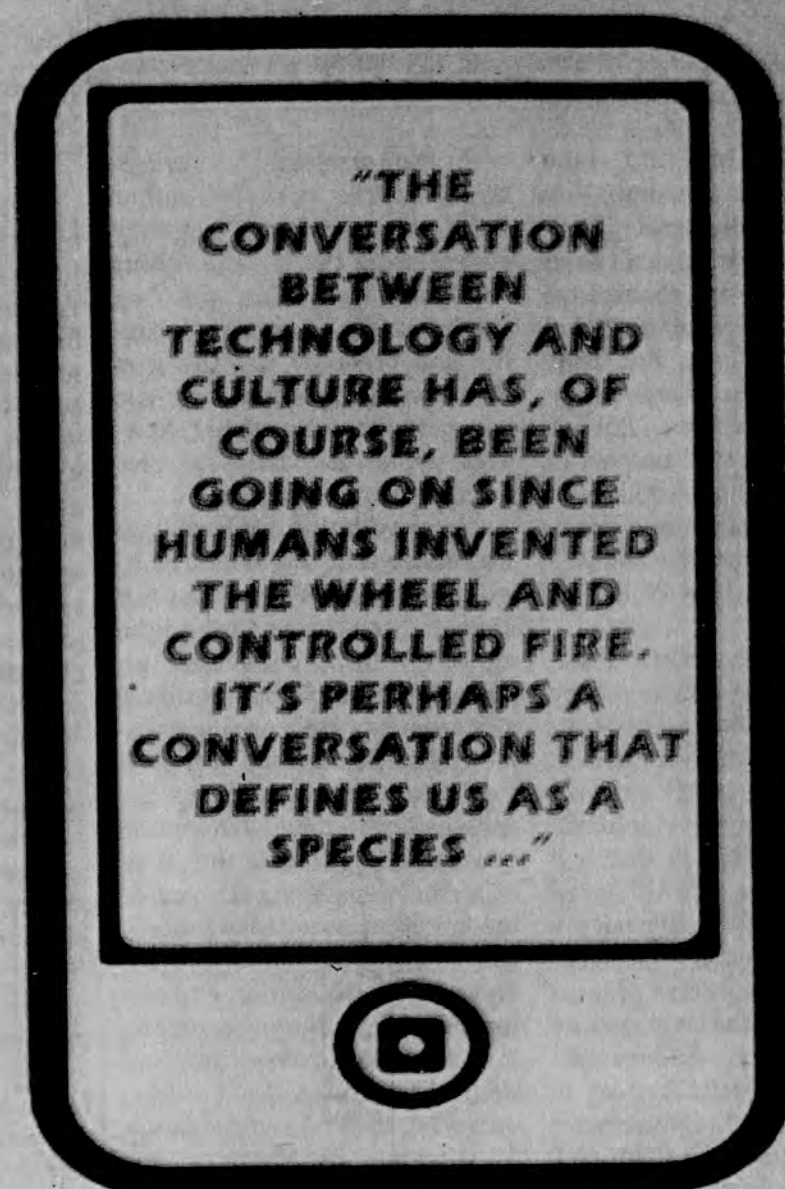
The Samek Art Museum provides University students and their surrounding communities with opportunities to engage with art in meaningful ways. Exhibitions and other installations from the Samek can be viewed in the Campus Gallery, the Downtown Gallery, the Collection Study Room and in various locations across campus in pop-up pieces or permanent displays.

The current exhibit – “Screen Time: Photography and Video Art in the Internet Age” – opened Jan. 18 at the Samek Campus Gallery in the ELC, and primarily investigates the role of viewing art and media in the context of contemporary culture. A journey through this exhibit proves captivating and thought-provoking, bringing the viewer through an exploration of the modern age documented by technology and new forms of media. The artwork features a variety of mediums, each harnessed to comment on themes including environmental collapse, social injustices, illusion and the progression of technology. These mediums include photography, sculpture, digital prints, clay animation and single-channel videos.

Richard Rinehart, Director of the Samek Art Museum, curates and selects the various exhibitions brought to the University's campus. Rinehart explained that, of the criteria used for selecting exhibitions at the Samek, “primary among them [is] whether the art being presented will be intellectually rigorous and serve as an extension of the education offered to students by Bucknell.”

“Another criteria is how ripe an exhibition is for cross-campus and interdisciplinary connections,” he further explained. “This current exhibition, Screen Time, was curated by the director and comprised of artworks owned and loaned by a Bucknell Alum.”

Personally, one of the author's favorite pieces from the current exhibit was Nathalie Djurberg's Deceiving Looks. Completed in 2011, the animation utilizes clay figures to add a sense of playfulness to a deeply violent and disturbing narrative. As elaborated in the work's description, “[it] contrasts visual playfulness with ethical subtexts. The surreal violence here seems an absurd but apt reflection of an era characterized by real social unrest contrasted with memes and deepfake videos.” Looks incorporates vivid colors and animated faces which starkly contrast with these darker, more poignant moments of the film – such as when mutilated snakes deceive and taunt a frightened claymation figure.



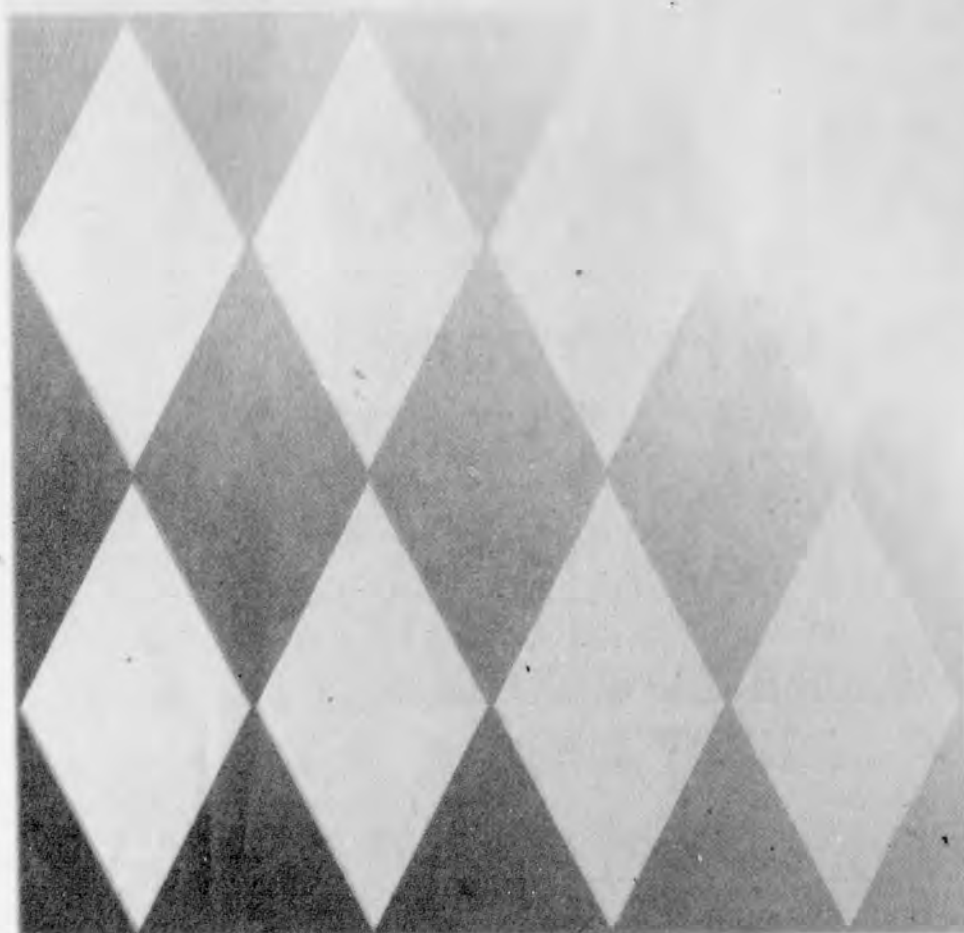
“Untitled”, 2012 by N. Dash emphasizes the lack of ‘tactility’ and physical contact in a society consumed by touchless media. The photograph depicts an assemblage of elements such as mud, raw pigment and cotton – perhaps referring back to a time when touch was a critical aspect of creating art – while highlighting the touch-less, digitized art that pervades modern culture. The fact that this assemblage is represented using photography further underscores both the contrast and the joining of tactile and media-centric art.

“The conversation between technology and culture has, of course, been going on since humans invented the wheel and controlled fire,” Rinehart noted of the exhibit's themes. “It's perhaps a conversation that defines us as a species and this exhibition hopes to spotlight recent volleys in that historic back and forth.”

“Screen Time” is a traveling exhibition, meaning the artwork is curated by one organization to be borrowed by certain museums in varying locations to display in their own space. When asked about the mechanics of transporting the art, Rinehart said that “Artworks are transported using professional art shipping companies that exercise the utmost care as they are often protecting millions of dollars worth of art. Artists are sometimes involved in the display of their work, but when a museum borrows the art from a third-party lender then the artist may not be as involved.”

After its time at the University, “Screen Time” will travel to Princeton University this summer. While many installations at the Samek are temporary, it feels particularly fitting that “Screen Time” is a traveling exhibition – it furthers the conversation about viewing art in a contemporary setting that the pieces themselves invite. In our current society, artists and artwork are less separated by space and time; we can access art with the touch of a finger; and we can bring art into our own personal spaces and analyze the work in the context of our immediate environment.

“Screen Time” will be available for viewing in the Campus Gallery until March 27. The gallery is located on the top floor of the ELC and is open from 12 p.m. through 5 p.m. every day, excluding Mondays.





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The University’s weekends may finally be going back to normal.

As of Feb. 7, the Borough of Lewisburg has lifted the hold on issuing downtown social gathering permits through Buffalo Valley Police Department.

“I initiated the ban because our local hospitals and ambulance services were inundated with patients,” Steve Beattie, community development/grant manager and emergency management coordinator (EMC) of the borough, noted via email. “This was a concern. With the students coming back from winter break, the addition of the student population within the community would have added more pressure to the hospitals and ambulance services.”

“We know that alcohol usage increases ambulance calls and hospital care needs,” Beattie said. “So the challenge was two-fold, more calls for alcohol related incidences

would place more pressure on an already stress situation and the chance of longer delay in emergency services places everyone at risk, including students in need of care.”

Many students were upset with the news that there would be no social gatherings for at least the first month back on campus from winter break.

When asked if he had heard from any of these disgruntled students, Beattie said, “Yes, at least a dozen students have interacted with me during the last 4-5 weeks.”

One of those students is Rachel Milio ’22, a double major in Classics and Italian. She decided to email Beattie because she felt that the ban might have targeted the University community since many student organizations apply for permits every week.

She explained that if the explanation for the ban was communicated better to students, that campus probably would not have felt as targeted.

“I think because Bucknell is such

a bubble, it’s hard for us to look at the greater community and so most Bucknell students probably feel that because we’re required to be vaccinated and wear masks in class, we should be allowed to do what we want... I think if the policy was better communicated to us rather than us just being told our gatherings are limited because of COVID, it would have come across as less arbitrary,” Milio said.

“Based on the emails I have received from students, they believe the reason for the order was to slow the spread of COVID among the students. That was not the intention since we know that a very, very high percentage of students are vaccinated and boosted,” Beattie said.

In regards to the communication of the ban, Beattie said, “I instructed the Buffalo Valley Regional Police (BVRP) via email. As they are the administrator of those permits, the BVRP informs the public of the restriction.”

Milio said that she is happy that the ban was lifted, but knows that

the student letters had nothing to do with it.

“I rescinded the ban based on the lower number of local hospitalizations and the lower ambulance call volumes in recent weeks,” Beattie said in his emailed response. “Students should trust that this decision was not made lightly, that it was not politically motivated, that it was not a way to target the students, and I am fully aware of the impacts this has on everyone... all of that is taken into account prior to a decision being made. The students should also understand that this was a ban on social gatherings that involve alcohol. This was not a ban on social gatherings; I’m not certain that all students understand the inherent safety concerns that arise when alcohol is introduced to large social gatherings.”

Beattie cautions students for the future.

“If there is another COVID surge in the future that again stresses our local emergency and health care services, I will again review the situation and take the necessary action accordingly,” he said.

Rayven Sample breaks world record

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At the Bison Open meet two weeks ago, sophomore T45 Paralympic sprinter Rayven Sample ’23 ran an unofficial world record time of 1:57.69 for the 800m, beating the official record of 1:59.30. To officially own the World Record in this event, he will need to run a time faster than the 2013 World Record at a World Para Athletics approved meet.

Along with this accomplishment, Sample also ran in the finals at the Tokyo Paralympics on Sep. 4. Sample finished eighth in the T47 400m final in Tokyo.

“I have no doubt that this is possible. The time I ran at the Bison open was my first 800m race since junior year of high school. If anything, I would expect future times to likely be faster,” Sample said.

Sample even suggested that he was holding back in the race.

“I would say I ran the race overly cautious as I was unsure of what to expect. I was almost relearning how to run an 800 while I was running the 800. My race strategy going into that day was to run splits of 27 then 28 to finish the first 400 in 55 seconds. I followed this

plan exactly hitting near perfect splits. After that first lap, I knew it would be all heart. And this is really where I feel like I can improve a lot going forward, because now I know what it will feel like and how to do better,” Sample said.

The Paralympics is a periodic series of international multi-sport events involving athletes with a range of physical disabilities. A psychology and education double-major, Sample spends a great amount of time training in the weight room and on the track.

A recent video from the Bison’s track and field Instagram highlighted Sample, asking him to discuss what it was like competing in Tokyo. Sample talked about how, when he arrived at the University, that it felt like home and that he made the right decision because of his supportive teammates.

“Every race is a chance to get closer to that promise... to show what I am about and what I have trained for. For me, it wasn’t about Rayven Sample versus the world, it was about Rayven Sample and everyone who has been along my side,” Sample said.

“Track and field is my passion... for me it always felt like I was being me,” Sample added.



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Bucknell Athletics updates COVID-19 policies for both athletes and spectators

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Assistant News Editor

As students returned to campus for the semester, University Athletics re-evaluated its COVID-19 policies surrounding practice and competition, impacting student-athletes, coaches and spectators.

For spectators, the updated policy reduced indoor occupancy maximums and also heightens rules about masking and vaccination or testing. All non-University student spectators 12 or older must show proof of vaccination or have a negative COVID-19 test taken at most two days prior to the event. For spectators, masks must be worn, covering both the mouth and nose, at all times. Currently, no concessions are being sold and outside food is not permitted, though one water bottle is permitted. As far as indoor occupancy, Sojka Pavilion, Kinney Natatorium and Davis Gymnasium have 30 percent reduced occupancy maximums and Gerhard Fieldhouse is not allowing any spectators, though student-athletes get two guest passes each.

“There has been a notable effect on our attendance, especially in basketball. What is hard to discern is if it is a result of our policies or for concerns related to personal safety. It is likely that both have played a role in our attendance reductions,” Director of Athletics & Recreation Jermaine Truax said.

For athletes, some of the largest changes were to the masking policy. According to the Athletics & Recreation 2022 Spring Semester Action Plan, student-athletes are required to wear masks while indoors and “during team meetings,

varsity weight room, Gerhard Fieldhouse floor and in all hallways walking to and from KLARC spaces,” though masks can be removed during practice activities and while on the playing surfaces for competitions, including on the bench. For teams that practice in the Fieldhouse, such as Track, Tennis, Baseball and Softball, masks can be removed during full exertion activities but must be replaced immediately.

“Since the Gerhard Fieldhouse is considered a public place, the mask policy is that everyone must wear it at all times and it may be taken off or pulled down to the chin when using exertion. So our policy is simple. When the heart rate is high and when the breathing is heavy during intensity, you may pull the mask to the chin or take it off. When heart rate is back down to normal, you must put the mask on or move it from chin to over the mouth and nose. Our heart rates vary quite a bit during a normal practice, but for the most part, our student-athletes and coaches are being compliant to the policy and trying to be as safe as possible,” Kevin Donner, Head Coach of Track and Field, said.

Coach Donner also explained that periodically people are warned to put their mask back over their mouth and nose when it’s apparent that the heart rate is not high as a simple reminder and there is never a problem to do so.

“I don’t believe wearing masks has affected our team whatsoever. As a matter of fact, I believe less athletes are catching the flu and the common cold this semester because of the masks and this

is traditionally the flu season. Early last semester when masks were not mandated, we had a high case of the common cold among our program. Although it’s been almost two years since the start of COVID-19, and there are a lot of people questioning how effective masks really are, it really has not been much of an inconvenience at our practices and competition. With that said, we are all looking forward to the outdoor track and field season this spring where there will be no rules at all for masking outside,” Coach Donner said.

According to Truax, the updates to the COVID-19 Athletics policy were designed with both University guidelines and the NCAA’s Athletics Resocialization Plan in mind.

“The main priority is to have the safest possible environment for our student-athletes and those in attendance... [COVID-related change] has been a real challenge, especially in the early stages of the pandemic. We have relied on the advice of some of the best medical experts in the country to develop our mitigation strategies, we often received conflicting CDC, State, and Local guidelines that changed constantly,” Truax said.

“Being informed while trying to keep others informed has been difficult. Luckily, we are in a much better position now,” Truax said.

Truax describes her biggest success as providing “the safest possible environment for our student-athletes to do what they love to do the most — compete!”

Enforcement has taken “a

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breaking the bubble

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News Co-Editor

DOMESTIC

A number of states are beginning to remove statewide indoor mask mandates in light of decreasing numbers of cases, according to a report from The Hill. Delaware, New Jersey, California, Oregon, New York, Massachusetts, Illinois and Rhode Island were all included in the report. Nevertheless, the CDC recommends that anyone over the age of 2 wear a mask indoors if they are not fully-vaccinated.

The Biden administration is refuting claims that it is allotting federal funding to provide pipes used for smoking "crack" or meth in a federal grant program meant to decrease the harm to drug users, according to The Hill. Jen Psaki, the White House press secretary, told reporters in a briefing that 'safe smoking kits' will include items such as alcohol swabs, lip balm, clean syringes and other materials to promote hygiene, with the goal of lowering the spread of diseases.

INTERNATIONAL

French President Emmanuel Macron said Russian President Vladimir Putin promised that he is hoping to limit the escalation of the crisis in Ukraine, according to ABC News. These promises emerged after five hours of negotiations between Macron and Putin in Moscow on Monday. He apparently assured Macron that no new initiatives would be taken by the military.

The 2022 Winter Olympic Games kicked off in Beijing last Friday with the opening ceremony. The New York Times reported that the 13 hour time difference between Eastern Standard Time and China could spell trouble for ratings in the United States. Ice skating, one of the games' most popular events, will begin its medal-deciding rounds on February 9, with the competition wrapping up with the pairs event on the 18 and 19.

Student drivers struggle to find parking spaces

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There are currently 1,259 students with active parking permits on campus, according to the University's Director of Media Relations Mike Ferlazzo. Consequently, this makes it challenging for student drivers to find parking spots. It's important to note that this parking space scarcity is more of a problem in some parts of campus than others, and it is particularly hard for students to find a spot in Center Campus, which is the parking zone that encompasses a majority of the University's academic buildings.

"I live downhill, with a parking lot right behind the Affinity House that I live in. Usually I can find a spot there, but sometimes it can be really hard to find an open parking space. There's street parking on St. George on Thursday mornings, so on Wednesday nights I've noticed that the lots really start to fill up. I actually try not to drive later in the evenings on Wednesdays because I know if I leave my spot, there won't

be one when I get back," Alex Ozazewski '24 said.

"I just stopped trying [to drive to class] at this point because it's so hard to find somewhere to park and I end up being late to class," Ozazewski added.

Looking at a campus parking map it is evident that there are more parking lots designated for staff than there are for students near the center of campus.

The problem of parking availability has been an issue for university students since the beginning of the academic year, but recently it seems as if parking on campus has been increasingly scarce. One possible explanation for the increased difficulty in finding parking spaces could be explained by more students driving to classes rather than walking in order to avoid exposure to the cold weather. The result is more students searching for parking spaces that simply aren't there for them.

"I'd say fifty-fifty, some days I drive to class, some days I don't,"

Phil Onffroy '22 said.

Jack Fiala '23, who lives in the Center Campus zone, added that "Finding parking is very difficult."

Both Fiala and Onffroy said that they have received tickets for parking in faculty lots in the past.

When students are not able to find a spot within a student lot, they often end up parking in staff lots. Ferlazzo shared that during the Fall Semester Public Safety issued 3,918 tickets and that the top reason for ticketing was for parking in an unauthorized space. This violation incurs a fine of \$25.

Parking passes cost \$100 for the entire academic year or \$65 for one semester. Looking at the cost of the permits for students alongside the number of parking violations and subsequent fines, it is likely that the school is making a significant amount of money from student parking. Ultimately, there remains a large parking spot scarcity for students as well as faculty members who don't have the option to walk to campus.

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team effort" from coaches, staff and student-athletes, from the University and other visiting teams. Teams are expected to follow the guidelines of the home institution; the Patriot League provided every school with the safety protocols for each member institution so that they can be self-enforced, though Truax states that the protocols are fairly similar across our Patriot

League peers.

On the importance of University Athletics following the COVID-19 policy, Truax said: "to ensure that no one gets seriously sick or dies because of the virus. And while COVID poses extremely low risk to student-athletes, it is important that we keep others around us safe."

Local public broadcast station to feature Lewisburg in "Our Town" series

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News Co-Editor

For students at the Bucknell the local community of Lewisburg is part of their academic home.

WVIA, a PBS and NPR affiliate that covers roughly 22 counties in Pennsylvania, will feature the borough of Lewisburg in their "Our Town" series. The episode will mimic a one-hour video scrapbook that will highlight people, places and events that make Lewisburg the city that it is, according to a WVIA press release.

"Our Town Lewisburg" invited local residents to attend the first community and volunteer meeting on Thursday, Feb. 10, where they discussed which features of the borough, events and stories that residents wanted to see, hear and feel through the program.

Residents were invited to bring questions for WVIA representatives at the meeting and they were asked to bring ideas of what to film.

The release said that on Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. a second meeting will be held at Community Partnerships by WVIA, with a new snow date of Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will focus much more on the community

brainstorming aspect, as well as planning which volunteers will film which scenes. WVIA is looking for roughly 20 to 25 residents with their own recording devices, not cell phones, to participate.

Participants will be required to wear masks to each meeting.

Any student or local that is interested in volunteering as a videographer or a storyteller can reach out to producer Lisa Mazzarella at lisamazzarella@wvia.org.

Molly Tuthill '24, an economics and political science double major, is interning with WVIA during the filming of this program. She said she is looking forward to learning the "ins and outs of the radio industry."

"I have always loved journalism and I am excited to get involved in the community. Lewisburg has so much history with such unique people so I am sure that this series will shed light on the different lives of the many people in our community," Tuthill said.

Other local communities that have been highlighted in the "Our Town" series include Milton, Danville and Sunbury. DVDs are available through the WVIA website, as well as short descriptions of each of their episodes.



Our
town
Lewisburg

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Correction: In our publication on February 4, 2022, under the headline "Downtown parties banned by Lewisburg Town Borough," we reported incorrect information about local K-12 masking guidelines. The article's last sentence should have read, "Currently, [as of 2/4/22], there are no bans on gatherings among Lewisburg residents, besides the downtown ban, and masks are required in some K-12 schools." We regret the error.

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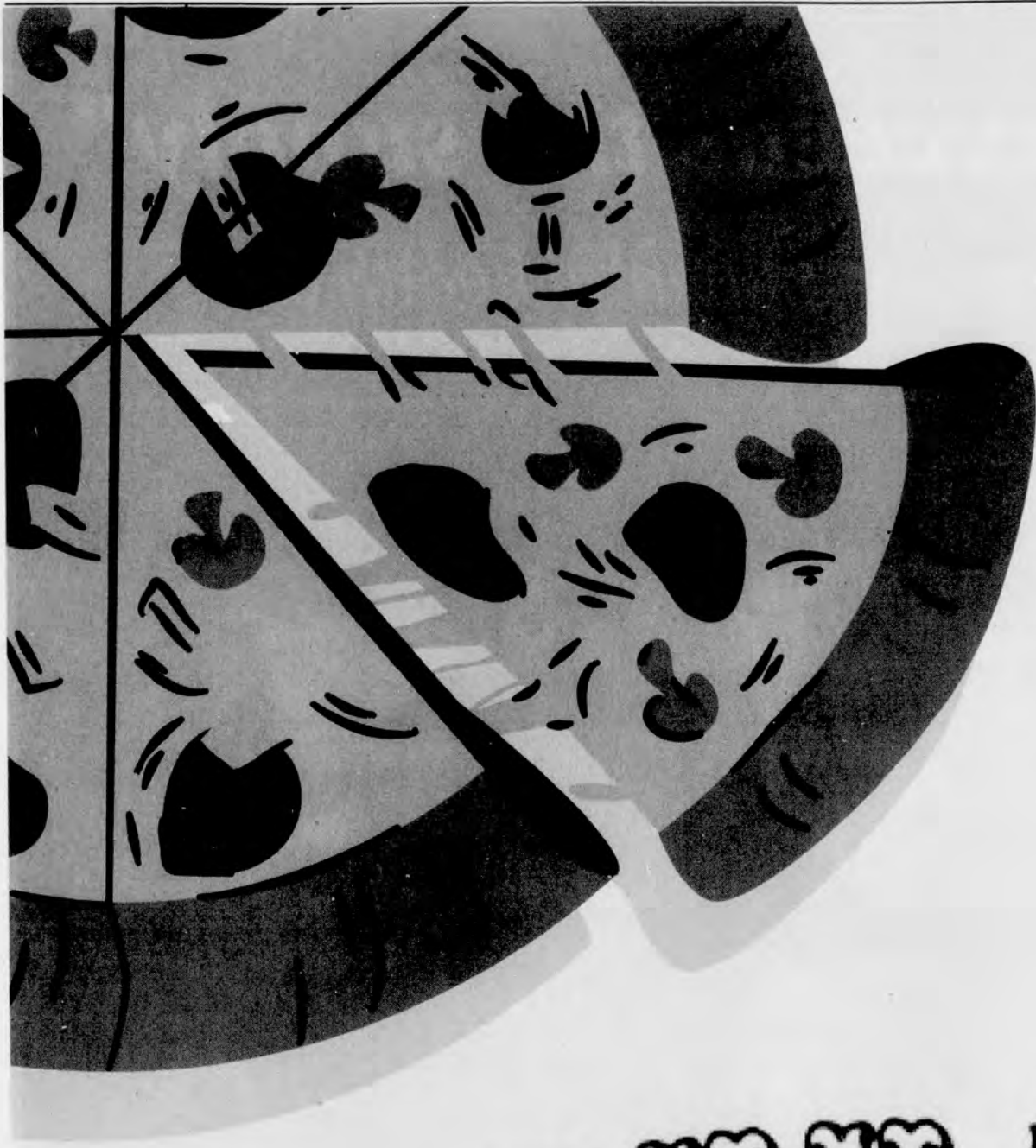
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"The demand exceeds the supply"

counseling center copes with mental health crisis

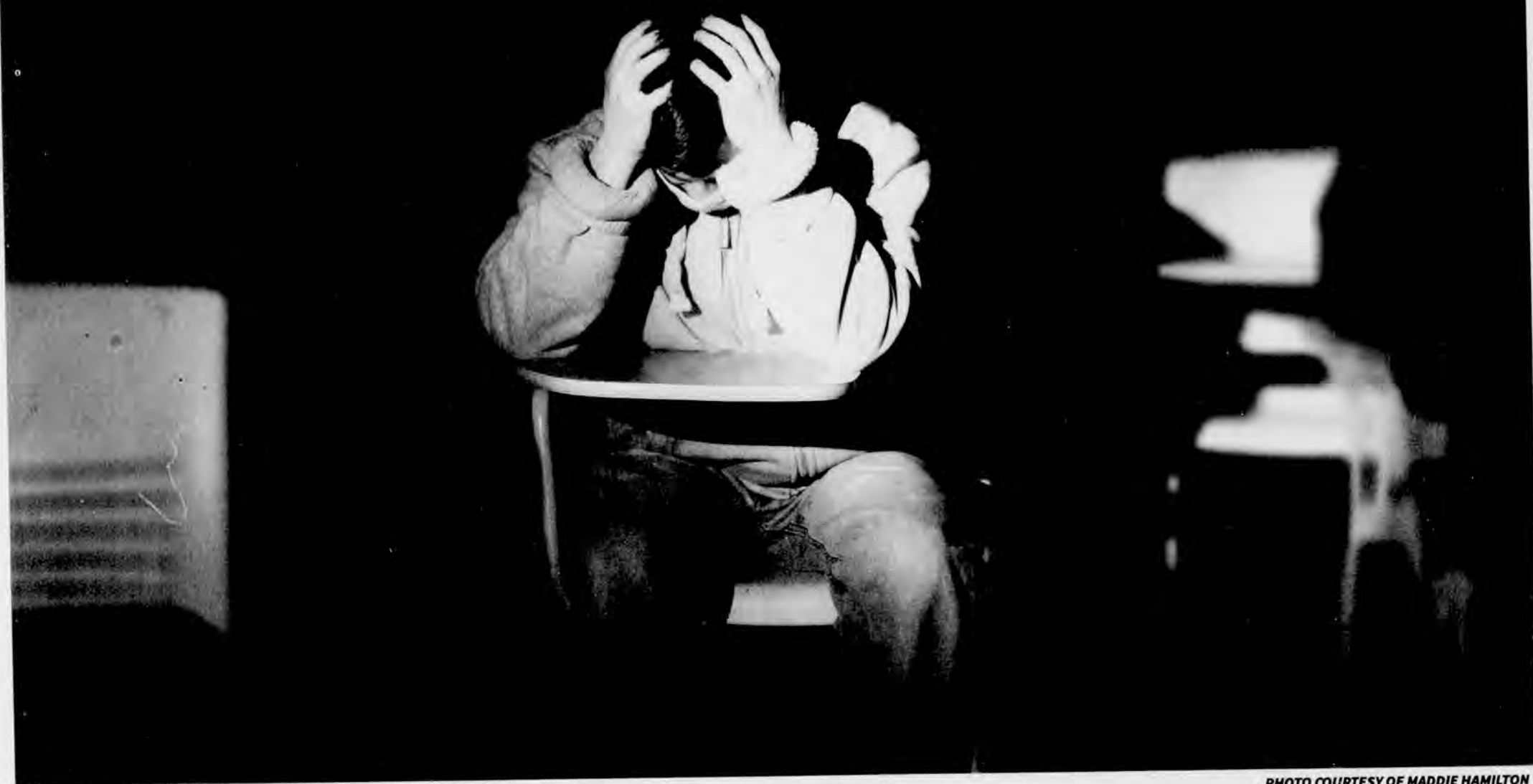


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When the first MyVoice Survey collected diverse opinions of the University's students in 2016, one message was abundantly clear: students felt strongly that the University should improve its mental health services. The belief was held by around 22 percent of respondents — more than one in five students. A follow-up action report by the University outlined responsive measures: hiring a counselor that specializes in eating disorders, increasing the volume of educational workshops and diversifying the offerings of their "Mindfulness Menu," a series of activities intended to improve general mental well-being among students. Despite these efforts, 2019's MyVoice Survey reflected no less discontent with existing services; instead, the percentage of students demanding better mental health services had climbed to 26 percent.

Since then, no publicly-available action report has responded to this data, nor a scheduled follow-up MyVoice Survey to gauge the current student reception on a clearly mounting concern; yet even without the available data, much is already clear about the current state of campus mental health services three years after the 2019 survey. As a deadly pandemic and simmering political tensions enveloped the United States, many students felt — and continue to feel — that current mental health resources are insufficient to effectively service the student population.

Director of Counseling & Student Development Center (CSDC) Kelly Kettlewell acknowledges the criticism. "I would be the first to say, I am so proud of the work coming out of this office, and I know that the number one concern for most students is 'I don't feel like I'm getting enough in terms of what would be supportive for me'. Both of those things are true," Kettlewell said.

The director voiced the reality of the counseling department's current conditions, explaining that a student with a "routine concern" may find themselves on a three-week waitlist. "It feels difficult to even use that word, because of course, when a student is reaching out, they might have been considering it for a long

time [...] it feels anything but routine, so I use that word carefully," Kettlewell said. Those in higher-risk categories or situations, who require the immediate assistance of a counselor, can have their needs met far quicker. The vast majority of students vying for the department's attention, however, are in the former category. "The counseling center is understaffed," one anonymous response opined as part of 2019's MyVoice Survey. "Whenever I make an appointment, they say they can't meet with me for three weeks, which seems absurd."

"It can be hard to access the strong emotions you were experiencing the moment you called when almost a month has passed."

Little has improved in the intervening three years. The three-week waiting periods are not only the result of a higher volume of students hopeful to speak with the center's counselors but by fluctuating staff numbers that, even at full capacity, remain lacking. "We've not always been operating at full capacity due to some staff turnover and open positions," Kettlewell said.

For students, like sophomore Amanda Pennett, that waiting period can critically reduce the helpfulness and purpose of talk therapy. "It can be hard to access the strong emotions you were experiencing the moment you called when almost a month has passed," Pennett said.

Junior Ava Rysman echoed similar sentiments. "I've had times too where I needed an appointment because I just really felt like I needed someone to talk to, and the long waiting periods stopped me from getting the help I needed, when I needed it," Rysman said. The difficulties of aligning a student's schedule with the center's limited availability was but another concern Rysman stressed.

Kettlewell noted that the CSDC offered same-day phone appointments during weekdays to all students "for that touchpoint with [a] counselor." The phone conversations,

she explains, can at times be enough of a service for students that call in, while also serving as an opportunity for counselors to recognize higher-risk students who need to be brought to the Center faster.

But students like Pennett stress the importance of in-person appointments. "I really value the in-person one-on-one experience since I've been to therapy before, in-person and over Zoom, and I really think an in-person appointment is much more productive and comfortable," Pennett said.

Of course, the University and the CSDC are not shy about the litany of alternative resources found online and readily accessible for all students. Following an affirmation just last year that the University is "committed to supporting your mental and emotional health," the University announced its partnership with Togetherall, a free service where students could anonymously converse with others and receive support for their mental well-being. Yet despite its wide accessibility, local users are only a fraction of those that personally visit the counseling center; compared with 20 percent of students who visit in-person, only five percent use the virtual service. "It seems clear that the students' preference is to have that one-on-one direct care, which we understand, we're clinicians who want to give direct care, so we understand, we share value in that," Kettlewell said.

A clear divide has been marked between the counseling center's stopgap measures and the general disinterest of students in remote options. Yet despite the acknowledgments from the CSDC as well as the University itself, the administration has been slow to react.

Only late last semester did the University approve the counseling department's full-time staff increase from eight members to 10; although an ongoing national search has continued, those positions remain vacant.

The reality at the University is, as Kettlewell often put it, that "the demand exceeds the supply." Recent requests on the CSDC, which include outreach presentations in classrooms and training with student leaders, have been denied in order to ensure higher numbers of available counselors for student appointments.

Though no feedback forum currently exists for students to provide detailed responses about their time at the counseling center, Kettlewell noted that visitors are asked a series of questions

following visits that reflect on their experience. In response to the question "did the counseling center help", Kettlewell noted an 82 percent affirmative response, adding that the number of visits for students averages around five to six. While Rysman expressed disappointment over the initial meeting, an opinion also shared by Pennett, she expressed a more positive reception to later visits. "The initial appointment I didn't think was that good, because they had to do a lot of question and answer stuff just to get to know you more. But I thought the appointments after that were really good," Rysman said.

Much of this affirms one general criticism of CSDC resources; student concerns are less about the quality of services rendered, but lack of access to those services in the first place. Despite the supplements made to existing resources available on campus, Kettlewell still suspects that the number of students demanding services will continue to rise, continuing the trend illustrated by the last MyVoice Survey. "Obviously I would be guessing that that number would increase, if not stay the same. I would assume it's higher," Kettlewell said.

Kettlewell takes pride in the resources available at the University, though noting that certain deficits in services remain. "I think [the administration has] taken [concerns] very seriously by adding two additional staff most recently, and it's not meeting the needs. They both are true," Kettlewell said.

It has often been noted that the University's services are

"The demand exceeds the supply."

consistent with its status as a rural campus with a small student population. Yet despite having a smaller number of students, other campuses have offered similar or even a greater number of services. Amherst College has half the students population of Bucknell but maintains a staff of fifteen who routinely communicate with students. Vassar College is two-thirds the University's size, yet retains twelve staff members in its counseling center. Colgate University has seven full-time

and four part-time staff members, with nearly 800 fewer students to support.

As important as the Counseling Center may be, Kettlewell notes that the burden can not merely rest on the center — also required is a reevaluation of how we perceive mental health. To her, the campus must develop a culture "that prioritizes peer-to-peer support in more real ways, that normalizes difficulty, that as a collective are able to tolerate some distress." These sentiments were shared by Dr. Bill Flack, a professor in and chair of the University's psychology department. "It's important that we support and staff the CSDC as fully as possible, but at the same time we need to focus on making systemic changes in our campus community to prevent the kinds of problems that lead people to need counseling," Dr. Flack said.

"Could you really staff a center to meet the demand?" Kettlewell asks in reference to the countless conversations she's shared with her peers; "no," is her rapid response.

"That would require potentially a staff, most staffs doubling or tripling in size, which is just unwieldy, that's just often not what's possible." This is particularly grim news for students currently seeking timely mental wellness resources — like Pennett and Rysman.

"The fear is that the same thing would happen where time passes between the call and the appointment. That what I was dealing with has sort of reduced, so I feel like another waiting period would probably deter me," Pennett said.

A desire for greater availability of CSDC resources nonetheless remains; those seeking mental health assistance are unlikely to be put off by its imperfections or dissuaded from reaching out when they are in need. A shift in campus culture, as both Kettlewell and Flack said, one that normalizes the mental concerns of its students, is indeed vital. But the truth remains that Bucknellians have continually called not for a reformation of the counseling center, but rather an expansion of its more personal resources.

"I think some people, myself included, get very in their heads and it just gets worse and worse everyday [...] with a counseling appointment you could get out of that mindset, but without an appointment it just continues to get worse," Rysman said.

Pixar Themed Cake Wars Goes Awry

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This past Friday, the University CAP Center held a Pixar-themed "Cake Wars" in the ELC's Terrace Room. There, students could sign up individually or in teams to recreate people or scenes from their favorite animated films. Teams were provided with a variety of decorating materials, from different types of candy to food coloring for their icing, giving the students plenty of tools to create their masterpieces.

And they all were masterpieces because art is subjective and even the most messed-up cake can still be a masterpiece.

Most teams ended up paying homage to one of three movies: "Finding Nemo" (2003), "Cars" (2006), and "Up" (2009). The panel of professional bakers from the University's Dining Staff that made up the judging panel saw way too many Lighting McQueens, clownfish and houses with balloons, but some teams got a little more unique when taking inspiration. One team managed to recreate the bird skeleton from Muntz's airship from "Up" using toothpicks and marshmallows. Another team chose a more morbid route with their cake, making the dentist's toilet with a fish inside from "Finding Nemo".

On the topic of morbid movie ideas, plenty of teams took their inspiration from the creepier parts of popular Pixar movies.

There was a demon-baby version of Jack-Jack from "The Incredibles" (2004) that looked more demon than baby, and a small horde of Sid's monster-toy mash-ups from "Toy Story" (1995). A team managed to recreate the "Ratatouille" (2007) scene where Emile and Remy got electrocuted on the roof, while another made a picture-perfect recreation of a sustenance shake from "WALL-E" (2008). That one only got unsettling when you read the ingredients list plastered on the side: "Organic Material."

There were a few teams that didn't quite get the memo about the competition's theme, creating cakes belonging to movies from different studios. These included a fantastic "Shrek" cake, Cinderella's glass slipper that for obvious reasons wasn't see-through, and an attempt at Toothless from "How To Train Your Dragon" (2010) that looked closer to a cat. There was also a Hogwarts Crest that adorably said "Ray Bucknell!" in place of the normal motto, but also had the house colors mixed up. Samantha Ravens '23 from the Hogwarts team said to us, "None of us have ever actually read 'Harry Potter'." We just got the idea from someone in Jenny's accounting class, how were we supposed to know the colors were wrong?" Many teams took advantage of the fact that they could use their phones for reference during the decorating time, but it's clear not all of them did.

KLARC Center Restricts Hours from 2-5am: Now Reserved for "Insomniacs"

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Recently, the KLARC Center, the athletics facility here at the University, has implemented some new policies that have raised some eyebrows. Ever since the pandemic, the KLARC has been taking extreme precautionary measures by doing everything from mask requirements to changing the hours of operation. It is this latter change that has led to some confusion amongst students.

In an effort to reduce capacity in the facilities, the KLARC has changed its operating hours to 2-5 a.m. in an effort to "ensure student safety." However, despite the early hours, the facility remains to be popular, especially amongst insomniacs. In a recent survey, 50 percent of students said that they get fewer than eight hours of sleep, 30 percent said they got eight hours or more and 20 percent did not understand the question (possibly due to extreme delirium induced by sleeplessness).

This push to "ensure student safety," however, has not gone as planned. Numerous students have complained about the new hours and have reported getting significantly less exercise as a result. As for the students who continue to go to the KLARC, things are even worse. Several injuries have already occurred

as a result of students being fatigued. For instance, there have been multiple reports of students over-exerting themselves. One student claimed that they dropped a free weight on their big toe, completely crushing it. Another student reported that they saw their best friend completely faceplant on the treadmill because he couldn't keep up with the conveyor belt. Luckily, public safety has been on top of these incidents.

As for students who do not use the KLARC for athletics, there have also been some interesting results. Students who use the area for studying and getting work done have expressed gratitude for the KLARC being open at these late hours.

"This allows me to play more Monster Hunter during the day," one student said, "so it's really a win-win scenario."

Speaking of Monster Hunter, there have also been some disturbing sightings at the KLARC recently. Students have reported seeing things that aren't quite usual. For instance, I once thought I saw a large figure with discolored skin, a hunched back and discolored teeth, but that might have just been me looking in the mirror in the bathroom.

Regardless, the change in operating hours has certainly had both positive and negative effects, and we will be sure to report on any further developments.

An Open Letter From @glassofmilkbucknell

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is @glassofmilkbucknell, live and in stereo. Since I began this account back in November of 2021, I have been able to unify the anti-milk community on the University campus. Allies are finally able to send in proof of the most unforgivable action on campus: milk drinking. Friends, strangers and enemies alike are exposed. None are spared from being held accountable for their heinous actions. I have united almost 600 people through a shared disdain for milk.

With that being said, it is understandable that I sometimes come on a little strong in my captions... but can you blame me? Over the past year especially, University students have proved themselves to be

quite resilient. Party bans won't stop them from finding ways to escape the stress of schoolwork, so why would an Instagram account dedicated to exposing milk-lovers stop them from suckling from the forbidden juice. Day after day, week after week, the DMs continue to roll in. Bucknellians are continuing to enjoy milk at an alarming rate. The Caf, the Bison, dorm rooms, apartments and even the great outdoors are some of the locations where such a disgusting action takes place. There are quite literally milk-lovers everywhere you turn.

Why, even with the success of this account, does this action continue to occur on campus? Why does it seem like drinking milk has become a symbol of rebellion, a middle finger to the establishment? Am I now the establishment, or are my ideals only a vehicle for the message of rebellion to be broadcasted

to the masses?

The fear of being caught on the account while secretly enjoying milk has been communicated to us quite a few times, which serves as insurance that we hold at least some authority over the rebellion. If we can maintain this momentum, I believe we will be the generation to successfully stigmatize milk consumption.

Our options are running dry while the University's milk supply is not. This letter is a plea to those still left of our frontline defenses. Help this movement eradicate milk consumption on campus. Take pictures whenever you see it in any form. Take discrete pictures of strangers who are oblivious to their actions. Take action and be well.

Sincerely,

@glassofmilkbucknell

First hairline crack in Holmes drywall spotted. How long until it all falls down?

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Since the opening of Holmes Hall in Fall 2021, many students of the Freeman College of Management and the Art and Art History department have been enjoying its classrooms and study spaces. The building, boasting large windows and pristine walls on the outside, seems to be a positive addition to campus. However, as the new car smell fades, students are now noticing issues with Holmes.

Wade Moore '24 learned first hand about Holmes' deficiencies when he accidentally tested the weight-bearing capability of his chair. After falling from his seat, Moore suddenly lost interest in his Management 101 class as he failed to account for the hardship of finding adequate furniture in

Holmes. Thus, it seems that the defects of the chairs have affected students' learning.

Similarly, Justin Thyme '22 has taken issue with Holmes. Last week, while rushing to painting class, student Thyme was hit by a mysterious white material. Initially, he thought the substance on his coat was snow from the recent storm. However, when the material failed to melt, he realized that the chipping ceiling paint was the culprit.

After their recent issues with Holmes, both Moore and Thyme made separate reports to the University, requesting that the school put more money into fixing the new building. Despite these complaints, Robyn Banks '95, a University representative, replied that they would not invest any more funds into the building.

In response to the deficiencies of Holmes and the University's

lack of action, students took matters (in this case, building repairs) into their own hands. The art department is giving one extra credit point for every square inch of wall-space a student paints. While the paint can be fixed, many of the broken chairs have missing screws and cannot be repaired. Therefore, students in sculpting classes are utilizing the parts to create art that makes statements on the lack of sustainability in consumer culture.

Overall, many students and faculty find Holmes' revival hopeless as new research in the geology department suggests that the building rests on a sinkhole. It's almost like another, more culturally relevant building was there previously. Thus, while the broken furniture and chipping paint are troubling, the building may be in a deeper mess than previously expected.

Valentine's Day: Love is in the air

Juliette Gaggini
Satire Co-Editor

About a month ago, I expressed to my friends how excited I was for Valentine's Day. My friends met my enthusiasm with a mix of both confusion and concern, frantically questioning my liking for the holiday. I know this is the satire section - so you may be expecting some ridiculously sarcastic article about how stupid Valentine's Day is - but this is quite the opposite. This article, the one you're reading, is very real: a true exposé on all the reasons I love and hate Valentine's Day, and why you should have a more open mind about the holiday - even if you are left single this holiday season.

Though my love for our current Valentine's Day runs deep, unfortunately, I must address the fact that the holiday was not always celebrated with heart-shaped chocolates and oversized teddy bears. Valentine's Day originated in the year 496 at a Roman festival called Lupercalia. Occurring every year in the middle of February, the original holiday is said to have celebrated fertility.

In honor of this celebration of

fertility, men would sacrifice a goat or dog and use the animal hide to whip young women. That's the truth; I didn't make it up. Google it, even. Luckily for everyone, the celebrations on Feb. 14 were later redirected in the spirit of a Saint Valentine. Unfortunately for the history of the holiday, there were an abundance of Saint Valentines and one cannot actually say which one started the festivities of Feb. 14. We, as twenty-first-century individuals, can only hope their expressions of love were better than the original celebration.

As a self-described book-nerd, I can't help but attribute some of the love surrounding Valentine's Day to the 14th-century poet Geoffrey Chaucer. An idol of mine, Chaucer sets the picturesque scene of birds that meet each year on "seynt valentyne's day" to choose their mates. I think it is fair to say that if Chaucer saw the holiday as it has evolved he would be discouraged to say the least, even if his spelling was my true source of inspiration therein.

Though one can only dream of a poet sending them love letters via dove, our current understanding of love is almost better and even more personal. Who wants a thoughtful

handwritten song when you can have a metallic-sounding pop-out-card from CVS, a helium balloon that will contribute to the slow destruction of the environment and crumple in your house like your self-esteem, or a cheap necklace with your boyfriend's initials that you will throw out in a month when you inevitably break up.

Plus, our demonstrations of love today are way more public and therefore automatically more meaningful. I don't know about you, but I would way prefer a song written just for me on SoundCloud than, say, a homemade dinner. Listening to it on repeat allows me to relive the momentary expressions of joy that I've felt in this joyless world, after all.

No matter your preferred celebration for the day, Valentine's Day is a great reason to tell the people around you that you love them. Whether it's a being with a significant other, having a Galentine's night, or eating as much candy as possible while watching the movie "Valentine's Day" with friends and appreciating it for having the greatest cast of any movie produced in Hollywood, I hope the spirit of the mysterious Saint Valentine carries you through the week.

Recent Winston Churchill Panel Reveals Former Prime Minister Dead: Shocking Report

Maximus Bean
Satire Co-Editor

Last Thursday, three Winston Churchill scholars gathered together in Trout Auditorium to discuss the legacy of the famous Prime Minister. These panelists included Dr. Larry Arnn (Churchill's official biographer), Dr. Sean McMeekin (an apparent supporter of Churchill), and Dr. Madhusree Mukerjee (an apparent Churchill detractor), who all debated their personal insights into Churchill's character on one of the tensest Zoom calls I've ever seen. However, while Dr. Arnn and Dr. Madhusree landed verbal punches on one another to the amusement of the crowd, Dr. McMeekin stumbled upon an amazing insight.

"Hey guys," he managed to interject between the vicious beatdown. "Churchill died 57 years ago." The crowd went silent as the entire point of the event became null.

After all, who wants to talk about dead people? This revelation left the expert mute out of shock. What was their life's work worth if it was about dead people?

There were several highlights of the event before the revelatory reveal, such as:

*Dr. Arnn showing off his 365-day calendar of Churchill's "greatest hits";

*Dr. Mukerjee quoting from her book, citing a CD of "Gandhi's Best" released in 1932; and

*Dr. McMeekin displaying the length of his book by displaying a picture of him using it as an anchor and nearly sinking a rented fishing boat.

It was an interesting event full of bickering, but nevertheless, it ended on a surprising note as Churchill's death appeared to rock the panelists to their core.

That reminds me, with their guiding stars constantly dying, what was the use of historians and

biographers anyway? Who needs an expert to the past when we could just look it up ourselves? Those Google and Wikipedia sources are credible enough. History can't change, but we continually make better observations on everything based on our current cultural values. The Confederates were always bad, but Lincoln was a tyrant who didn't want equality either. The Union army didn't fight for abolition, no matter what the Emancipation Proclamation says. The Founding Fathers may have created our nation, but they were flawed too; Jefferson and Washington were climate-change deniers who should absolutely have had their statues torn down.

Just because we see history for its flaws and wrinkles doesn't mean that we can't learn from it. After all, those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it. And those who do know history are doomed to watch as others repeat it!

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PUTTING BUCKNELL'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH INTO PERSPECTIVE

Bel Carden
Special Features Editor

Black History Month was not always celebrated in the way we now recognize. Initially, time set aside for the appreciation of Black history spanned only one week in February, the second of the month. It was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, now regarded by many as the father of Black history education in America. Woodson is known for helping establish African American studies within academic environments. He also is recognized for founding the association of African American life and history which, to this day, is one of the oldest historical societies in the United States. Woodson created Black History Month with one central goal: to highlight prominent members of the black community whose actions have impacted not just the United States but the entire world. The month also focuses on teaching the history of Black Americans in educational institutions. Black History Month recognizes and creates opportunities to discuss the dark history of racism and slavery in the United States. The month also focuses on all the African American community has accomplished through highlighting Black leaders and their accomplishments.

The idea of switching the celebration of Black history from only the second week of February to the entire month was first generated at Kent State University by their Black Student Union in 1969. It took until 1975 for Black History Month to become commonly celebrated across the United States, and until 1976 to be codified in law by Congress as an observed holiday. They decided to celebrate Black History Month in February because the birthdays

of both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, two seminal figures in the abolition of American slavery, fall within the month.

Every year Black History Month also has a theme, meant to highlight important developments from within the Black community from the last year. 2022's theme is "Black health and wellness," acknowledging the legacy of Black scholars and medical practitioners in both western medicine and other forms of nontraditional medicine. The theme is also meant to raise awareness towards initiatives to build hospitals, medical and nursing schools and community clinics opposing the discrimination often found in mainstream health institutions. Lastly, another facet of the health and wellness theme focuses on not only physical health, but also emotional and mental health as well as the de-stigmatization of mental illness.

One group on campus hosting events to celebrate Black History Month is the University's Black Student Union (BSU). The first Black Student Union was established in 1966 at San Francisco State College, quickly becoming the inspiration for over 1,000 other Black Student Unions across the United States. These groups aim to connect Black students within their community and their university's community overall. According to the University's Black Student Union constitution, "The BSU aims to provide and maintain the best possible conditions in which Black students may receive a complete education." This is done by promoting Black cultural events, keeping active communication with the Black alumni association, improving Africana studies programs and working with the office of multicultural student services on projects such as planning trips, attending conferences and providing scholarship and grant information to members of BSU. Some of the events

led by BSU are the annual Kwanzaa celebration, Black History Month and Black arts festival.

Bucknell's Black Student Union is currently led by president Bryanni Williams '23. When asked to reflect on her time in BSU and why it was so important to her, Williams emphasized how this group was her University community. "This organization is important to me and should be important to everyone because it's important to have voices and faces for Black students, especially for a campus like Bucknell where Black students are the minority there aren't even a 100 of us, if that. What's important is giving Black students spaces to be authentically themselves and showcase their Blackness without being tokenized and judged or the oddball out. I definitely think that's what makes this organization very very important especially also given the political climate and things like that PWI (primarily white institutions) need BSU because everyone needs that space to just destress and be among you know their tribe, their community, their family," Williams said.

"And I think BSU is important," BSU member Brandon Vessels '22 said, "because without BSU there would not be a space for black students to comfortably commune together and really discuss issues affecting the Black community both on campus and in the larger society."

Both students also mentioned their favorite BSU memory - the fashion show, which is being held on Feb. 18 in Larison dining. Vessels explains how being involved in the fashion show pushed his boundaries. "My most notable and favorite memory of BSU was being able to host, executive produce and model in the BSU fashion show

my sophomore year. It was one of the most stressful experiences of my life but looking back at it and seeing all the pictures and the stories everyone has from the event it was truly an amazing experience and really pushed me out of my comfort zone and showed me what I can accomplish when I really want something," he added. Williams also fondly remembers this event, highlighting how it connected members of BSU from all grades, "I feel like definitely, my favorite memory for sure would have to be my first-year Black arts festival. I was the first-year representative that year and all of us are really involved in BSU. I got to walk in a couple of scenes of the fashion show. I'm a Bisonette so I got to perform at a stomp out. It was just overall a great time to just see how everyone came together," Williams noted.

The Black Student Union is also in partnership with the following organizations: African Student Association at Bucknell (BASA), The Bisonettes, Latinx Alliance for Community and Opportunity for Students (LACOS), National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Student National Medical Association - Minority Association for Pre-medical Students. They are also celebrating Black History Month with many upcoming events; in particular, their fashion show and the stomp out is next weekend, Feb. 18 and 19. More information about both these events and the black student union, in general, can be found on their Instagram @bucknellbsu.



THE BUCKNELLIAN *sports*

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Men's tennis downed by Drexel

Holly Burns
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison men's tennis squad traveled to Philadelphia this past weekend to face an unbeaten Drexel team. Unfortunately the Orange and Blue were unable to serve the Dragons their first loss of the season. Despite an 0-5 start, the Bison hope that a tough out-of-conference schedule will help them prepare for upcoming Patriot League play.

The Orange and Blue almost secured a doubles victory with Ink Chen '24 and Nicolas Grunig '25, however Drexel won the remainder of the doubles matches before Chen and Grunig were able to finish.

Michael Owen '23 continued on with his strong performances from last week, defeating the Dragons in his first singles set. Owen kept the sets close and it was back and forth, before Drexel's player was able to secure the last two and win overall.

Harrison Gold '24 has been performing well for the Bison, and earned the No. 1 doubles and singles spots in Sunday's match. The UNC Wilmington transfer should be impactful in the coming matches for the Orange and Blue.

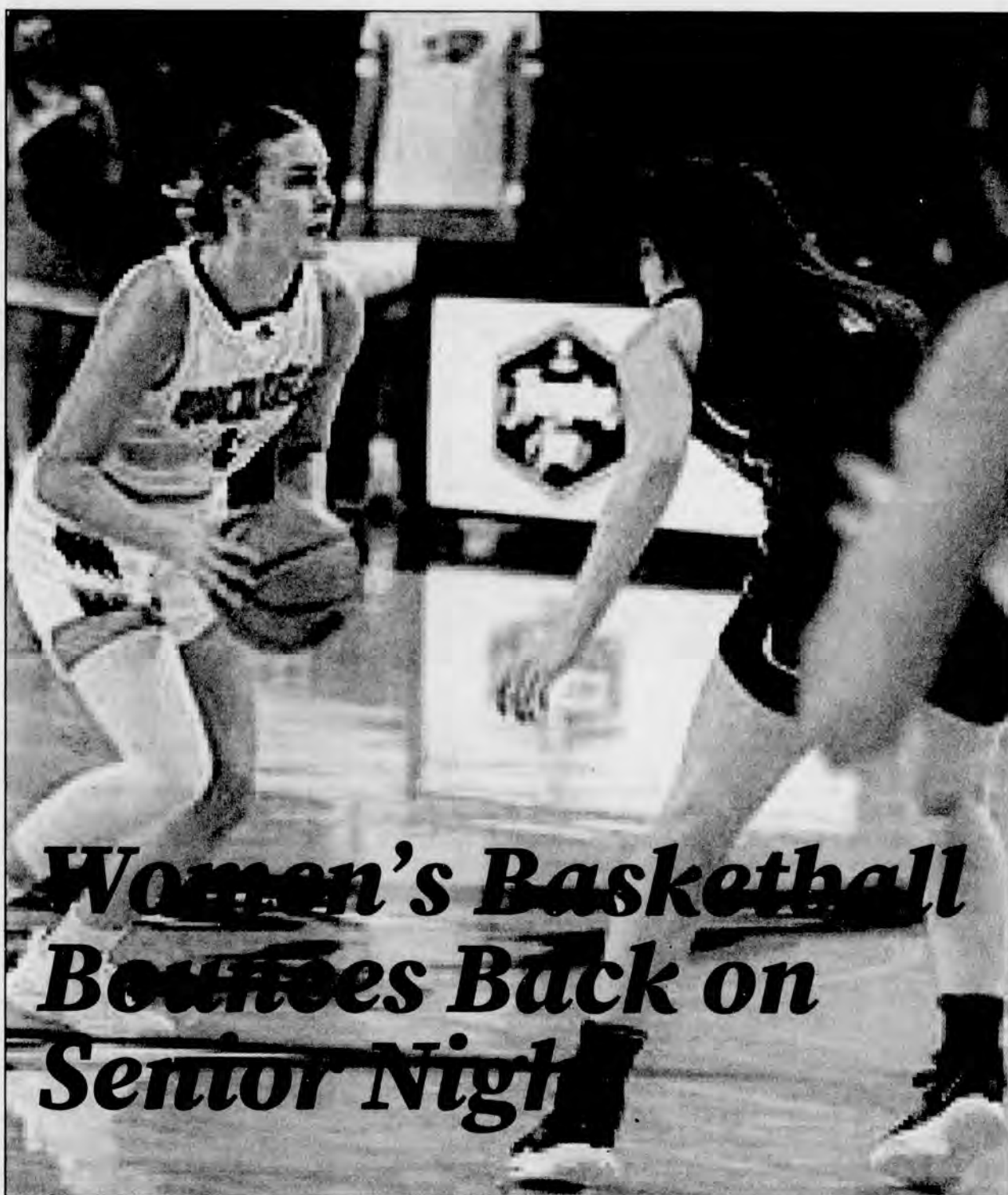
The Bison hope to turn things around next weekend with big N.Y. matches against Siena on Friday, and Marist on Saturday.

DOUBLES:

1. Xandy Hammitt/Alex De Sousa (D) def. Harrison Gold '24 / Tim Zelikovsky '24(B), 6-4
 2. Sanil Jagtiani/Matvey Radionov (D) def. Michael Owen '23 / Nick Mueller '23(B), 6-1
 3. Juan Manuel Sanchez/Djordje Janackovic (D) vs. Ink Chen '24/Nicolas Grunig '25 (B), 4-5 Unfinished
- Order of Finish: 1, 2

SINGLES:

1. Alex De Sousa (D) def. Harrison Gold '24(B), 6-2, 6-1
 2. Sanil Jagtiani (D) def. Nick Mueller '23(B), 6-3, 7-6 (2)
 3. Xandy Hammitt (D) def. Michael Owen '23(B), 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4
 4. Matvey Radionov (D) def. Tim Zelikovsky '24(B), 6-1, 6-0
 5. Djordje Janackovic (D) def. Ink Chen '24(B), 7-5, 6-0
 6. Juan Manuel Sanchez (D) def. Nicolas Grunig '25(B), 6-4, 6-0
- Order of Finish: 1, 2, 4, 3, 5, 6



Women's Basketball Bounces Back on Senior Night

Rylee Donaldson
Staff Writer

The Orange and Blue faced two tough opponents this past week, falling to the Boston Terriers and knocking off the Lafayette Leopards. The Terriers were able to hold the Bison to just four points in the second quarter, taking the lead into halftime. The Orange and Blue were not able to capitalize on Terrier mistakes and fell 67-58.

The Bison were prepared to take on the Leopards back at home in Sojka Pavilion for Senior Night.

The Orange and Blue played a strong game forcing 21 turnovers and knocking down 9-of-18 attempts from beyond the arc. The Bison decisively defeated the Leopards 68-40, with four different Bison scoring in double figures. Marly Walls '22 led the way with 14 points as the rest of the team shot 45 percent from the field. Walls also added a team-high five assists and three steals.

The other Bison in double digits were Tai Johnson '23 (11), Carly Krsul '23 (10), and Isabella King '25 (10). Krsul also added 10 rebounds, earning her fourth double-double of

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the season. Taylor O'Brien '22 also put up eight points, seven rebounds, two assists and three steals for a well-rounded Senior Night performance.

The Orange and Blue improved to 16-6 overall and 7-4 in Patriot League play with the victory over the Leopards. The Bison also added to their streak of wins over the Leopards with its 15th consecutive win.

The Bison capitalized off of Leopard turnovers, scoring 19 points off of their 21 steals. The game started off slow with a scoreless five and a half minutes for the Bison, but once Walls hit

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Upcoming Events

Men's Basketball

- Vs American at 7pm on 2/9
- Vs Holy Cross at 2pm on 2/12

Women's Lacrosse

- Vs Canisius at 12pm on 2/12

Davis Leads Men's Lacrosse to Victory on Opening Weekend

Laurel McHale
Senior Writer

The Bison men's lacrosse team is back. In their first road trip of the season, the Orange and Blue came out on top against Mercer, 16-14. A pair of freshmen shined in their debut, proving to be great additions to this squad.

The Blue and Orange seemed ready to go after their long trip to Georgia, as Connor Davis '25, who scored six goals, stated, "All the guys were super excited heading into the game. It was a very hectic and long trip and we just wanted to get onto the field. I've never been a part of a team with this much energy, so I was really looking forward to playing against Mercer. This team has been working hard since August and we finally got to play somebody else in another jersey."

The game was a close one. At the half, the Bison held a 7-6 lead going into the third quarter. The teams swapped goals in the third quarter, but the Bison still remained ahead with a 12-10 lead. Mercer soon scored two goals in the first five minutes of the quarter to tie it up.

The Bison then netted four unanswered goals to solidify their dominance. Jack Feda '23 netted two of his three goals of the game during this run, both off of Cam Doolan '25 feeds. Matthew Barkauskas '22 also found the back of the net off of a Doolan assist, and Davis finished the run with a goal at 4:46 left to play. Mercer rounded out the scoring this quarter with two more goals.

In their collegiate debut, Connor Davis and Cam Doolan made some noise. Doolan logged 5 assists for the Bison. This was the highest recorded

number of assists by a Bison in their collegiate debut. It was only one shy of the school record (6) set by Will Sands '18 (2018 All-American and three-time All-Patriot League) in his 2015 freshman season.

Davis netted 6 formidable goals for the Bison, earning Patriot League Rookie of the Week and Patriot League Offensive Player of the week.

When asked how it felt after such a successful college debut, Davis responded,

"It's been my dream to play division 1 lacrosse since I was three years old, so playing my first college game was something I looked forward to for a while. Winning your first college game is for sure something special and something I will always remember. It was really exciting getting back to our locker room at Mercer and celebrating as a team."

Davis matched Bucknell single-game goal records set by freshman. In addition, Davis finished one shy of the seven goals in an opening game record set by Tommy Sopko '21. Davis has made a name for himself across the Patriot League with his incredible first outing, and will continue to do so moving forward.

In his first collegiate game, freshman Max Nolan '25 earned the win by making 10 saves. Nick Crovatto '22 and Connor McCusker '23 went 17-33 against a Preseason All-SoCon faceoff specialist for Mercer. Preseason All-Patriot League Team selection Harry Wellford '23 finished the game with two goals and two assists on the day. The Bison led

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Men's Basketball Falls Just Short in Overtime Battle

Brooke Tracey
Staff Writer

The Bison men's basketball team faced a tough defeat following an overtime battle against Lafayette on the road this past weekend. It was a last-second layup that gave the Leopards a 74-72 edge over the Bison. The Orange and Blue now fall to 5-19 on the season and 2-10 in Patriot League play.

The game remained even throughout its entirety, with neither team leading by more than one possession in the first half, until the Leopards strengthened their lead to 31-24 after a 13-4 run. Senior guard, Andrew Funk '22, finished the half with a three-point shot to narrow the Leopard's lead to 35-32.

The Orange and Blue came out of halftime fired up. A 12-2 run courtesy of Andre Screen '24, Elvin Edmonds IV '25 and Jake van der Heijden '23 allowed the Bison to lead 44-37. The Bison's largest lead of the night was 51-42 with 10:36 to go in the game. It was a series of missed free throws that hurt the Bison throughout the second half, however, as they missed the first nine of 10 free-throw shots. After conceding the lead, the Bison fought to stay in the game. With 9.5 seconds left in regulation, Xander Rice '23 made all three of his free throws after being fouled on a 3-point attempt. This, along with a strong defensive stop,

forced the game into overtime in a 67-67 tie.

Heading into overtime, the Bison could not quite keep the momentum. Both teams combined to miss the first seven shots of the period until Lafayette got on the board first. A series of Leopard layups along with missed Bison attempts ultimately resulted in the Leopard victory.

In spite of the loss, Funk recorded the first double-double of his career with 20 points and 11 rebounds. He remains the Patriot League's second-leading scorer. Screen also tallied 18 points and Malachi Rhodes '23 scored a career-high 12 points. The Bison as a whole out-shot the Leopards, 45.2 percent to their 38.6 percent.

"This was definitely a tough, gritty game which [they] knew was going to be down to the wire and require a lot of focus." He added that the team "needs to continue improving and focusing on putting full games together as [they] move closer to play-offs," Rice said.

The Bison will return home this coming week with two games slated in Sojka Pavilion, the first of which is against American on Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m., followed by a 6 p.m. tipoff against Holy Cross on Saturday, Feb. 12.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

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a free throw with 4:24 to go in the first, the flood gates were open. A strong second-quarter put the Bison ahead 28-13 going into halftime. They extended their lead in the third leading 40-20 over the Leopards. All 12 Bison registered minutes before the end of the game.

“It was awesome to get the win, especially on Senior Night. We were coming back from a tough game against Boston a few days ago and I think this

win really swung the momentum back in our favor. I am proud of the way everyone played tonight and super excited for where we are headed,” Walls said.

The game against Boston was a tough one for the Bison, who fell by a score of 67-58. Despite leading 15-7 at the end of the first quarter, the Bison could not solve the tough Terriers’ defense, scoring only four points in the second quarter. This put the Bison

in a hole they could never dig themselves out of for the rest of the contest. Krsul led the way for the Bison with 18 points and eight rebounds. Cecelia Collins ’25 (16) and O’Brien (14) were the other Bison in double figures. O’Brien also had a team-high nine rebounds.

The Orange and Blue are on the road Wednesday, Feb. 9, to face American. The game tips off at 6 p.m.

MEN’S LACROSSE

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The Bison led in shots (29-24) and ground balls (36-26).

Crovatto earned Patriot League Face-off Specialist of the week, and Nolan earned Patriot League Goalkeeper of the week to round out the awards for the weekend.

The Bison look forward to proving

themselves within the league for the rest of the season, and Davis has confidence in his team’s success moving forward.

“After going 2-6 last year, we for sure have a chip on our shoulder, and there is still a lot to do in order to reach our goal which is a patriot

league championship. A lot of people are sleeping on us this year which is motivating everybody on our team,” Davis said.

The Bison men’s lacrosse team heads to Moon, Penn. to face the Robert Morris Colonials at 1 p.m. on Feb. 12.

Bison claim second place

Justin Schaumberger
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison men’s golf team finished second at the Bucknell Veterans Intercollegiate this past weekend. Among the eight teams competing, the Bison finished at 883 which only trailed Siena College (857). This was the Orange and Blue’s first competition of the spring season.

The Bison finished first on the first day of the competition shooting an impressive 292. Jackson Bussell ’23 led the way shooting 3-under-par including a birdie on a par 5. Jack Gardner ’23 (73) and Jason Lohwater ’22 (76) also had good opening days.

The Bison followed up their opening round with another great day. The team shot a 294 which was good for second on the day. This was especially impressive given that No. 1 player Bussell was unable to finish the round due to injury. Blake Wisdom ’23 picked the team up shooting a 1-under-par 71. Lohwater (74), Gardner (74) and Rudnick (75) each had four birdies on the day.

The final day was also a good outing for the Bison who shot a 297 and tied for second on the day. The Bison were led by Wisdom, who shot under par again (71). Michael Rudnick ’25 shot a 75, Lohwater shot a 76, and Gardner shot a 78. At the end of the day, the Bison finished in second place, only trailing a very impressive performance by Siena.

The Bison will be back in action Feb. 20-22 at the Loyola Intercollegiate at Palm Valley GC in Goodyear, Ariz.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Chris Difiore ’23

Profile

Sport

Baseball

Hometown

Mount Kisco, N.Y.

High School

Iona Prep

Position

Pitcher

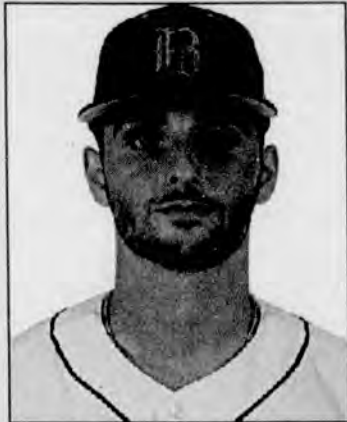


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Clara McCormick
Senior Writer

The University baseball team’s season starts on Feb. 18, and the preseason awards have been announced for the Patriot League. The Bison’s very own, Chris Difiore ’23, was awarded the title of Preseason Pitcher of the Year. This accolade was granted to the left-handed pitcher for his past accomplishments and contributions to the Orange and Blue. His statistics include a 3.51 ERA in conference with 46 strikeouts and 18 walks. His best record in conference is 5-1, and he pitched 51.1 innings. Difiore was also named First Team All-Patriot League in his sophomore season.

“Winning Preseason Pitcher of the Year is awesome but at the same time I know it means nothing because we haven’t played a game yet. All I can do is go out every Saturday and give it my all and try to give my team the best chance to win the game,” Difiore said.

The junior has even higher aspirations for himself and the University team. “A goal of mine is to win Pitcher of the Year at the end of the season, but the most important thing

to me is winning the Patriot League Championship.”

Difiore and the Orange and Blue are coming off an 11-22 season, with an 11-15 in-conference record, and were ranked to place fifth in the Preseason Poll.

“Our team is very talented this year, and I think we have a real chance of winning the whole thing. We have a bunch of young guys who are going to get their first chance to play this year, and I think they will step-up and help out a lot. Our pitching staff has added a lot of depth, as well as our batting lineup. We have a real chance to make some noise in the Patriot League this year,” Difiore said.

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The Stories of the Africa Cup Of Nations

Logan Kinajil-Moran
Staff Writer

Africa's continental soccer tournament, the "Africa Cup of Nations," concluded for the first time in Yaoundé, Cameroon, with Senegal winning the trophy. As a whole, the tournament showed how soccer can be more than just a game for many of the competing countries enduring economic and political crises.

Host nation Cameroon has been in the midst of a civil war since 2016, where military human rights abuses broke out into a fully-fledged war. People have flocked to watch their nation play despite the

separatist movement warning them not to, and even kidnapping and torturing spectators. Further tragedy struck when eight people died in a stampede during a round-of-16 game. Despite the tragedies, Cameroonians still came out to see their country finish third in the tournament.

"We may not be a very united nation, but I think this one thing brings us together," a Cameroonian government worker said.

Or perhaps in Burkina Faso, where, as players and fans were set to head off to their

quarter-final fixture against Tunisia, the Burkinabé military overthrew their government. However, despite the anxiety and worry about friends and family back home, Burkina Faso fans still made the journey and saw them come together to win the quarter-final, giving just a little bit of hope to their home nation.

Many African countries that are still struggling in the midst of COVID-19 were able to look to their nation's soccer team for hope and joy in difficult times. The pandemic also affected teams, with Comoros

having to field an outfield player as a goalkeeper due to an increase in cases among their team.

Even small nations were able to take on much bigger countries; the tiny state of Equatorial Guinea beat the much bigger Mali, and Comoros and Gambia upset major soccer nations like Ghana and Tunisia. The Gambia, a small nation of around 2 million people, made it to the quarter-finals in their first-ever appearance in the tournament.

The Africa Cup of Nations

also provides the opportunity for worldwide superstars, like Liverpool players Sadio Mané and Mohamed Salah, national heroes in their home nations of Senegal and Egypt, to come home to play in front of home crowds, against players not known widely outside of their home countries.

While soccer may not be the solution to some of the difficulties endured in these countries and the struggles that the people go through, the Africa Cup of Nations can provide is a glimmer of hope to those back home.



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Women's Golf Begins the Spring at Bay Point

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This week, the Bison women's golf team traveled to Florida to participate in the Lady Bison Bay Point Classic, hosted by Lipscomb University. The event took place on Monday, Feb. 7 and Tuesday, Feb. 8, with the Orange and the Blue being the only team from the Northeast.

Tara Thomas '25 and Kelsey Yi '24 led the Bison on the first day, each posting 83s. The team started off with a total of 349, falling a fair amount behind Lipscomb and Georgia State, who both led the day with team totals of 310. USC, Jacksonville and Jacksonville State stood above the Bison as well. The second round of the day was halted due to darkness.

The second day was better for the team. They finished with a 334, a notable improvement from the

first day. Thomas finished again with the team-best at a score of 81, and totaled 248 over 54 holes.

Sahana Paravantavida '23 scored an 82 and Morgan Sohosky '23 scored an 86, both improving their scores from the first day. Yi also scored an 85 for the Bison.

USC Update won the tournament with a total over the two days of 916, triumphing over Jacksonville State who scored a 922.

"I would say, the tournament was a good opportunity to play outside on a tough course after only being able to practice indoors. It definitely helped us see what we need to work on, to get ready for spring break and improve our scores," Thomas said.

In five weeks the Bison will travel to Boulder City, Nev. to play in the Jackrabbit Invitational on March 14 and 15, giving the team a lot of time to prepare for their next competition.

The Bison Wrestling Team Splits 1-1 on the Weekend

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Staff Writer

The Orange and Blue ended their eight-dual streak by losing to the Midshipmen this past weekend. Navy had won four bouts in a row between the 174 and 285 pound weight classes.

Zach Hartman '22 won his 20th match of the season, beating his opponent 7-1. Hartman had six of his seven points in the first frame, while also holding his opponent to zero points the entire second period. Hartman had a takedown, alongside four back points throughout his victory.

Brandon Seidman '22 competed in the 125 pound weight class and gave the Bison a chance to come back by claiming victory over his Midshipmen opponent 3-1. This put an end to the Midshipmen's four-bout winning streak.

Kolby DePron '25 and Darren Miller '23 won their matches back to back while competing in the 149 and 141 pound weight classes. This made the score of the match 18-12, giving the Bison some hope going into their next weight classes.

Kurt Phipps '24 suffered his first EIWA loss of the season, losing in a 7-1 decision. His EIWA record is now 7-1, while his overall record is 12-3.

The Midshipmen were the first

team to defeat the Bison at an away match so far this season, with the Orange and Blue ultimately losing 21-12.

The Bison ended the weekend on a high note, claiming a 29-9 victory over American on their senior night in Davis Gym.

The Orange and Blue had a five-bout winning streak between the 133 and 165 pound weight classes. Hartman made a statement on his senior night, having a first-period pin. Logan Deacetis '25 also had a first-period pin in 1:33, helping the Bison to win seven out of 10 bouts.

Hartman has been one of the strongest Bison in his four years of wrestling, pinning his final opponent in his final match in Davis Gym. Hartman is a two-time All American, and he pinned his opponent in just 1:29 into the first period.

"I believe we showed not only our ability to rebound from Navy with our performance against American, but also our pride for the university we represent. It was a tough loss, but we came together, regrouped, and executed our plan against American. There's still so much more to learn, but I'm proud of how far our team has come this season and am excited to battle out my remaining matches as a Bison

alongside them," Hartman said.

Phipps also contributed to the Bison win, being victorious with a 7-4 decision. His record has moved to 13-3 overall, and 8-1 in the EIWA.

Competing in the 141 weight class, Miller was victorious in a 14-2 major decision over his opponent. Miller had a terrific 4:34 of riding time in the process.

DePron and Nick Delp '24 also had decisions back-to-back contributing to the Bison victory.

"Our team wrestled tough against Navy but fell a little short on Friday night. I think we showed adversity and good resilience based on how we came back and wrestled Sunday against American, especially since it was senior night. We wanted to send our seniors off with one last win at home to cap off our dual meet season," Delp said.

Mason McCready '23 also added a victory by winning 13-3 over his opponent.

Hartman and DePron lead the team in the amount of wins, with Hartman having 21 wins and DePron having 22.

The Bison face Lehigh on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. in their next match.



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The Oscars 2022: What's the point?

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Contributing Writer

It's that time of year again when Hollywood's elites praise each other for how much money they are able to put into the film that they want to win an award. In all seriousness, Oscar awards season is an incredibly enthralling time of year that can simultaneously aggravate and delight dozens of film fan bases across the world. These awards have the tendency to evoke a sense of controversy for one reason or another — whether that be an announcer for best picture reading the wrong announcement card, or certain actors not winning or being nominated leading to a predominantly or entirely white category — and it almost wouldn't be a true Oscars without one of the two happening. At the end of the day, what is the result of all of this distaste? The result is a lackluster display of ratings and a set of winners that often doesn't accurately reflect the past year in films at all. It doesn't please me to write about the Oscars in such a critical light; I love movies, and I try to see as many of the largest and most well-reviewed films of each year. In fact, I think now more than ever the film industry is thriving and essentially overflowing with content that caters to nearly every audience. So why must I be so negative around Oscar season? Put simply, the Oscars have entirely lost their sense of purpose for general audiences, and often only exist to serve the artsiest and niche films that most audiences won't even see — let alone enjoy.

When you think about the last year of movies, what comes to mind? For a lot of people, you might think of the sheer amount of record-breaking superhero films that came out this year, especially "Spider-Man: No Way Home." You might be thinking about the number of great live-action movie musicals to be released this year, like "In the Heights," "West Side Story" and "Tick Tick... Boom!", or perhaps

you're thinking of large-scale sci-fi epics like "Dune." Now, how many of these films do you see nominated in the big categories this year? "West Side Story" received some recognition, but mega-director Steven Spielberg was leading the project. Some of the larger-scale films like "Dune" were given a lot of praise, but it also had an all-star Hollywood cast. The pattern is clear within these awards. Most of these films, while most of them possessing great qualities are attached to some of the largest stars in the world while these categories also reject some of the largest blockbusters of the year like "Spider-Man" just for being different. It's a running joke for many average filmgoers that they haven't seen more than half of the films nominated for Best Picture, so why is it that many times the most popular films of the year don't even get nominated?

Many critics will argue that only the best and most artistic films will be the ones nominated, but apart from a few exceptions, most of those artistic films feature at least one large named actor in a starring role while films that are just as good with a less-recognizable cast won't get nominated. Of course, there are always outliers and departures from the formula, but it feels as though these awards are trying to stay relevant by committing to showing the same directors and actors every time they do something in Hollywood while refusing to accept and embrace a new and bright era of filmmaking. Like I said at the beginning, film has never been more diverse in terms of genre and scale, so award shows like the Oscars should seek to welcome audiences who feel alienated by the same types of films winning every year, and this is coming from someone who appreciates the art of film and most of the films nominated this year. It's time for the Oscars to either evolve or just go away.

Anthony Lopez
Investigative News Editor

Recent days have seen rising tensions along the Eastern European border, with hundreds of thousands of Russian troops nearing Ukraine. The Kremlin claims that these military movements are for nothing more than training excursions, though other countries — including Ukraine itself — have cast doubts on these assertions. The current fear is another invasion of Ukraine by its neighboring country, an act that could potentially see the fall of Kyiv, the nation's capital, in a matter of days. Given the uncertainty of Russia's plans, the United States has seen fit to react in a way so emblematic of its attitudes: send thousands of our own soldiers to nearby countries like Germany and Poland, with countless more ready for deployment at a moment's notice.

In the aftermath of the Cold War and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, many newly independent states spent the next several decades vying for candidacy in another group: the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Some succeeded in becoming members, while others have found their paths blocked by staunch opposition. Ukraine is among the hopeful countries, whose relationship with the organization has hardly developed since the 1997 NATO-Ukraine charter. While it established a commission to navigate the communication on international security between the country and NATO allies, their opportunity to become members has been retained in a purgatorial state for over 20 years.

There is indeed little international desire for Ukraine to join the organization at all, both as a result of the country's own internal conflicts as well as the perpetual pushback from Russia. But even stagnation has left avidly anti-NATO Russian President Vladimir Putin unsatisfied; the mere potential of the military alliance's eastward expansion through Ukraine, even if it is a slim reality, is cause enough for concern.

Russia's fears over an enlargement of NATO in Eastern Europe should be immediately apparent: Article V of the North Atlantic Treaty provides for the "collective self-defense" of its members, meaning an attack on one member is treated as an attack on all member-states. A strengthening of the United States and EU's hold on Eastern Europe is what the Kremlin fears, and it is why they demand not simply the prolonged

ambiguity of Ukraine's possible joining of NATO, but the explicit refusal of membership.

While Putin has explicitly denied his intentions to invade Ukraine, it would not be out of character for the revanchist post-Soviet empire. As recently as 2014, Russia launched an attack that resulted in the annexation of Crimea from Ukraine. Many fear that this prospective invasion, in contrast to that of eight years ago, may see an escalation in conflict that could grow to involve nearby nations. It is these worries that prompted the Biden Administration to respond according to an anachronistic Cold War logic of brinkmanship, moving three thousand soldiers to the countries of several members of NATO.

At this time troops have not yet been sanctioned to enter the targeted country, and are more broadly aimed at defending the Eastern European line from a potential conflict that may arise from a Russian-Ukrainian exchange. Yet the potential for provocation of Russia by these military actions cannot be overlooked, even if American intentions are explained as anything other than a prodding of the Kremlin.

Statements from Pentagon officials reveal the United States as a country caught in the fog of war against an unpredictable adversary. Invasion is a possibility, but the reality remains that Putin's suggestive movements may ultimately serve only as a deliberate bluff to provoke NATO into officially denying any and all opportunities for Ukrainian membership.

Or maybe it really is all in the name of training drills.

The United States already has tens of thousands of troops deployed throughout Europe, an enduring truth since the end of World War II, after which America established a permanent military presence in allied European nations. 3,000 more is not inherently a cause for concern, but Biden's quick move to sound the alarms against Russia may perhaps be an unnecessary escalation of a conflict that was never to happen.

Russia has already responded to these acts as ones of provocation. The country's foreign minister urged that through military deployments, the United States would "increase military tension and reduce scope for political decision." That sentiment came only a few days after President Putin voiced disappointment at NATO's refusal to comply with his country's demands. He has argued that the United States aims only to use

Ukraine as a pawn in an effort to impose severe sanctions on Russia in the event of a conflict. The country's propaganda machine has effectively cast blame on the United States for provoking warfare, yet our nation's actions do little more than play into Putin's hands by seemingly validating his concerns.

Most polls in the United States concerning a potential invasion of Ukraine — and even of the United States' current relationship with Russia — are reluctant to entertain an intercontinental conflict. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky also discouraged giving into panic over a potential conflict with Russia, which he argues intends not to invade but rather to destabilize his country's economy through the inexorable spread of fear. The mobilization of U.S. troops, he reasons, only helps to stoke the flames of tension.

The threats of conflict from Russia are not a novelty, according to Zelensky, but rather part of a reality plaguing Ukrainians. The newest actions from Putin, to him, do not yet constitute such grave precautions. Zelensky has instead urged the United States and allies to impose preemptive sanctions on Russia for its deployment along the border.

But Biden and officials have been reluctant to do so, claiming that any sanctions would come after a potential invasion of Ukraine, establishing restrictions such as embargoes on American-made technology or preventing Russian financial institutions from participating in global transactions. Officials have promised "swift and decisive action" against Russia, but there remains division on what responses are deserved for the varying actions that the country may take. What might the American reaction be if Russia invades Kyiv? What if a cyber attack is launched against Ukraine?

Past sanctions against Russia have arguably been too little and too late to prevent the country from taking Crimea or from forcing it to later withdraw from the invaded territory. Sanctions are generally an inconsistent method of deterrence or retaliation, a tactic that can prove impotent should it not be severe or thorough in its execution, while also running the risk of harming civilians within the targeted country.

Yet most diplomatic options are preferable to the current U.S. strategy: de-escalation through military deployment. The Biden administration has elected to intimidate Russia, a country with a history of brazen actions induced by fears of Western expansion, with a more prominent presence of Western troops in Eastern Europe.

The developing situation is one blemished with uncertainties, tainted by actions that may only serve to escalate heightened tensions to a point of no return. It is not without reason that the United States fears the fallout of conflict and the ramifications it may bear on its allies. But deploying troops so close to Ukraine should be a final act, a desperate bid to prevent warfare. It should not have been one of our first courses of action, our foremost bargaining chip in a game of chicken against an opponent scrambling to preserve its authority.

Reflecting Post-Peterson Debacle

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Last semester, I wrote an opinion article about Jordan Peterson's then-impending visit to campus, and the larger, more concerning affliction that permeates our campus — the Open Discourse Coalition — in September. In response to this article, I was berated by (mostly adult) Peterson fans, students, alumni, and faculty alike.

The messages, comments, and discourse following the article made me deeply reluctant to express myself on controversial subjects. I embraced readers challenging my opinion and their critiques, but the attacks on my character and relentless, baseless judgment struck a deeper and more permanent chord. With every notification of a new comment, I fell further into diffidence and fear of reprisal. I second-guessed my favorite color; I could not decide what to eat; and I certainly struggled to formulate an opinion for my section.

As my doubt augmented, the article gained more traction. Jordan Peterson tweeted a link to my article days before coming to campus, entreating his

roughly one million followers to latch onto and relentlessly impugn every word of my article. Peterson, a sixty-year-old clinical psychologist with a near-global following, felt it necessary to sick his ravenous fanbase on a teenage college student's article. Peterson knowingly set me up to be slandered, defamed, and insulted on a global stage. The profoundly unbalanced power dynamic between Peterson & his defenders and myself brought the situation beyond valid criticism to mean-spirited and inappropriate bullying.

Despite feeling I had lost the ability to form an opinion, I knew writing a follow-up was non-negotiable. I knew I needed to write a well-informed, focused article to preserve my journalistic integrity and the semblance of confidence I retained. As I listened to his existential tangents, an empty feeling grew in my stomach. I knew I had wasted an incredible amount of energy, mental and physical alike, on the ambling digressions of a man who could barely stay composed on stage.

There were various reasons I waited for an hour to shake Jordan Peterson's hand and apologize: a degraded self-image, self-preservation, external pressure and a feeling of closure. As I mumbled

"I apologize," I felt a fearful nausea that generally accompanies a complete lack of sincerity. I did not owe Jordan Peterson an apology; I should have been demanding one.

As I was writing my follow-up article, a faculty member posted on Minding the Campus: Reforming our Universities. The article hyperlinked my original Jordan Peterson article along with other current and past Bucknellian writers. The spotlight caused still more traffic while I was working on the most challenging opinion piece I had written to date. Infuriated by the indirect tone of the article, I emailed them. I respectfully wrote: "I certainly was angry. However, my feelings are not hurt and I would much prefer to have a conversation about facing disagreement and conflict. If you're interested in opening up that conversation, I would love to meet with you." I was met with the most belittling response. The author acted as though I had finally reached some epiphany, one that could only come about through unyielding bullying and harassment for expressing myself. Instead of accepting my extension to understand the opposing viewpoint and have the crucial conversation — something he

regularly if insincerely trumpets as essential to "open discourse" — the faculty member refused to meet. He instead encouraged me to take one of his classes in the coming semester.

The faculty member failed to recognize the utter cruelty of introducing student articles to a vast audience of strangers and was adamant about the necessity for our intellectual awakening even as he refused to have a conversation with the other side. That is certainly an ineffective strategy for encouraging dialogue, but fantastic at silencing any student wishing to express their opinion.

The irony is that a fraction of the readers who felt so transgressed upon by my initial article even acknowledged the follow-up; I can say with near certainty that neither Peterson nor the referenced faculty member read the piece. The intention of this article is consequently to highlight the hostility and discouragement I was actually met with for expressing my opinion, and to inquire whether such behavior actually reflects the ODC's supposed advocacy of "free speech" reflected in their endorsement of the "Chicago Principles." More importantly — I am rescinding my apology.



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Beware, Olympians

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The 2022 Olympic Games in Beijing are underway, and athletes worldwide are arriving at the Olympic village in the next month to get ready to compete. In an interesting development, the FBI recommended that athletes bring a secondary phone to the games to protect their sensitive personal information on their mobile devices. This move is a clear indicator of the evolving barriers to protecting athletes from security breaches in the information age.

Security at the Olympics has always been a challenging undertaking. Attempts at terrorism are not unprecedented; there was the attack on the 1972 Munich Games, the 1996 Atlanta Games and two attacks during the 2008 Beijing Games. Host countries invest millions of dollars in police, physical barriers to entry and surveillance to prevent bad actors from causing harm to the athletes or the spectators during the games.

The issue of security has now been compounded in the digital age. Countries are not only confronted with physical security threats, but also must protect athletes and spectators from cybersecurity attacks, hacking and ransomware. 450 million attempts at cybersecurity attacks occurred during the Tokyo games, none of which were successful, fortunately. The upcoming Winter Olympics in Beijing pose a unique challenge for participating countries, as China is a known aggressor in the realm of cyberterrorism. There is a documented history of China attempting to undermine international institutions through hacking and ransomware.

The United States is a known target of China's cybersecurity

attacks — particularly relating to elections and sensitive personal information in the hands of the government. In response to this, the FBI has advised American athletes to bring a secondary phone to the games so that the threat of their personal devices getting hacked is mitigated. Furthermore, the FBI has warned athletes that the health tracking app designed to help monitor COVID-19 symptoms amongst athletes poses a multitude of security threats. In an NPR article reporting on the FBI's memo, it was explained that "such apps could be used by attackers to 'steal personal information or install tracking tools, malicious code, or malware,' the agency said."

This isn't the first controversy associated with the location of the games this year. The United States, along with other countries, announced that they were diplomatically boycotting the Olympics this year due to China's poor human rights record. As international relations and security become more complicated, will the future of the Olympics look different?

Many international relations experts say yes. Kimberly Kim, an American professional golfer, recently said that "most of the Games held in the modern Olympic era have failed to live up to the Olympic values and ideals." This is clear when evaluating the context the games are operating within — mistrust between the United States and China relating to cyber-hacking, boycotts of the host country and conflict between Russia and Ukraine, both of whom are competing in the games. The Olympics intend to promote peace, but it appears that the global conditions surrounding the competition are preventing the achievement of that goal.

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Contributing Writer

Of our country's most prolific recent debates: critical race theory, pandemic restrictions, gun legislation — teachers have sat at the center of focus, whether we see them there or not. And unfortunately, as the pressure on teachers continues to mount, few are inclined to pursue the profession. Enrollment in teaching programs has declined rapidly in response to the pandemic, with numerous small-town colleges shutting down education programs due to lack of enrollment. However, this decline in interest for the teaching profession has raised concerns since long before the pandemic hit, and only now are we being forced to confront the reality of our dissipating population of educators.

It is no secret that COVID-19 struck the education world in a severe and detrimental way, leaving a significant portion of the system floundering. Teachers across the country were forced to figure out how to approach education from across a screen largely by themselves, often under vague and oft-changing instruction. People passionate about working with children were deterred from the profession, and the additional demands put on teachers from COVID-19 only drove more away from pursuing the profession.

COVID-19, however, is not where this decline began. It only exacerbated factors that have been driving the interest in teaching down dramatically over the past decade.

In the year 1980, about one-third of women enrolled in college were education majors, and for a long time, women had few other choices in career paths. The profession of teaching has remained a female-dominant profession, as the effects of gender norms and pay-scale distortion of decades past still linger. However, this reality has been rapidly dissipating into a new one, where women have access to far more choices in their

economic path, and the ability to hold much higher expectations in terms of compensation. With this change in economic opportunity, it is becoming readily apparent how profoundly the profession of teaching has relied on the inability for women to work in other fields for its success, and that it is now suffering because of it.

Most teachers must make their way through entry-level education, including earning a bachelor's degree and specific education certification programs, the latter of which costs upwards of \$100k alone. These costs, which can together reach up to several hundreds of thousands of dollars, keep many capable individuals out of the profession, and the compensation awarded to teachers, an average of \$63,000 per year, is certainly not adequate to make up those costs. In other words, it is financially costly to become a teacher, and society is relying entirely on individuals' personal desire to teach for the guidance of our youth, despite the current system's incapacity to foster that desire.

Not only is there a failure to encourage an interest in education, but there is also a clear lack of concern for the ability of teachers to adequately educate their students, which in turn results in more pressure put on teachers to make their own solutions. In 2008, 92.4 percent of teachers are said to have at some point in the year used their own funds on classroom materials, averaging at \$450 spent by each teacher over the span of one year — funds which were never reimbursed.

In 2020, this figure was \$745, a two-thirds increase from just 12 years prior.

The fact that teachers are solely responsible for preparing our young generation to establish the world of tomorrow is not awarded the respect and recognition it merits, and the immense effort and workload that the role calls for is often left unnoticed, not to mention the critical responsibility of working with vulnerable adolescents. Within the education world, the profession is known

to be one that imposes an abundance of work and invariable stress and offers very little pay in return. As the complexities of education emerge, the pressures put on teachers increase persistently, and thousands are simply getting fed up and leaving the profession, or are deciding not to join at all. Many teachers who chose to remain in the field during the pandemic felt the same desire to leave but ultimately remained out of concern for their students and a desire to do right by them.

The unfortunate reality that lies beneath this epidemic is the extraordinary lack of investment from our country into the education of the next generation, whether it be in lack of funding, in failing to create a curriculum that adequately prepares its students or in failing to invest in the individuals who will shape our future generations.

In response to the ongoing shortage of available educators, some institutions are waiving certain requirements and allowing less heavily certified individuals to begin teaching, with others offering financial support to students who commit to pursuing education. However, without a fundamental change in the education system, the interest in the teaching profession will continue to decline along with the quality of students' education.

College administrators say that the pandemic's acceleration of an already declining interest in the teaching profession has shed a light on the pressing need for a change in how we treat our educators, and how we foster good educators. However, a broken system cannot produce adequate results, and the decline in America's teachers is a symptom of much greater issues. The pandemic has given the country its first push towards facing the dire need for a fundamental change in our education system. It's time for our country to change its conception of education as a problem to be solved, and recognize it as an opportunity to foster a better future and create change in the place where it begins.

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Chinese Water-Sleeve

Bringing a Piece of Chinese Culture to Bucknell

Juliana Rodrigues '24

Outsiders to the dance world may have a narrow understanding of what dance is or what it looks like, but in reality, it comes in many different forms and is present in most cultures. Asking a typical University student not involved in the dance program what classes they think the University offers, responses will vary from "Ballet, maybe Lyrical, Jazz and Hip Hop" from Sami Dunn '22, to "I had no clue they even had dance classes" Ally Neuendorff '24. Available at the University are the fundamental classes of ballet, modern, jazz and Chinese Water Sleeve. Chinese Water Sleeve class allows students to be immersed in a small, but important part of Chinese culture.

This form of dance utilizing elongated sleeves originated in China during the Zhou Dynasty and gained popularity during the Ming Dynasty. Over time, this dance form has gained more popularity and can now commonly be found in other countries. Water Sleeve is merely one form of dance amongst the many that are showcased in Chinese culture as theater and dance hold many popular traditions and rituals.

Er-Dong Hu, a professor in the Theater and Dance department at the University, originally received his dance training in China. Having been a part of the Beijing Dance Academy and the Dayton Ballet, Hu brings with him extensive experience and knowledge that he is passionate about sharing with his students. In addition to teaching a variety of traditional dance classes and choreographing, Professor

Hu brought this Chinese Water Sleeve class to the University.

Professor Hu took the time to speak about his personal experience with Chinese Water Sleeves and what it had been like sharing that with students. "I first learned the art at the Beijing Dance Academy in China... it's over 500 years old and started first in Chinese opera," Hu said. When asked why he felt it was an important class to teach, he explained that it was important to show students the dance forms of different cultures and different techniques. The character of the movement of the sleeves is beautiful to watch; however, it is also a particular and challenging technique to learn. Learning this movement is a unique and new experience for students as they typically would not have former training with any similar dance form. Hu said that the University is the "only liberal arts school in the United States to consistently offer Chinese Water Sleeve Class." He expanded on this, stating that other schools may have guest teachers come for a short period of time, but here he consistently offers the art as a class every semester as part of the curriculum for a dance minor. These offerings are extremely rare to find in a college dance program and something to be highly appreciative of at the University. Hu concluded by explaining that he also works with students teaching "Chinese Sword," another form of traditional dance.

Olivia Vosbikian '22, a dance minor, has been a part of the University dance program for four years participating in

technique classes, showcases and main stage performances. This semester she has had the chance to be a part of the Chinese Water Sleeve class. She spoke about her time in the class so far. "I'm so grateful to have the opportunity to learn about another culture through dance. None of the dance classes that I've taken in the past are anything close to the art of Chinese Water Sleeve, and this new experience has been exciting. Er-Dong is so passionate about what he teaches and it makes the class even more enjoyable," Vosbikian said.

While it may not be common knowledge amongst the University students outside the dance program, Professor Hu and others who make up the department have cultivated a curriculum that highlights technique in combination with other cultures. As the only liberal arts school to offer the Chinese Water Sleeve class, this is just another example of the uniqueness of Bucknell's Theatre and Dance department. The dance community and their technique classes are always open to those looking to try and learn something new!

The program also does not just stop at technique classes. Any "non-dancer" students timid to try a class but interested in learning about other cultures through dance can look into the two hundred level class, "History of Dance." The course is centered around learning about different cultures from around the world, and dance is found there. The class is offered in the fall semester and is a perfect opportunity to take a small step into the dance world.



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ARE YOU COMING?

SEX POSITIVE WEEK ARRIVES ON CAMPUS



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Staff Writer

This week, beginning on Valentine's Day, Speak UP Bucknell hosted their annual Sex Positive Week for the campus community.

Speak UP is a student organization advised by the Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Advocacy Coordinator, Linsey Higgins. The organization advocates for awareness and prevention of sexual misconduct, relationship violence and stalking on campus.

The organization has advertised Sex Positive week as space and time designed to foster a practical and forward-looking view of sex. As the name implies, it's all about sex positivity.

"Sex positivity at its core is all about viewing sex as a normal, pleasurable thing—most people do it," Fae Groves '24 said, who is now in her second semester

as a Speak UP peer and holds a position on the events committee. "By viewing sex from a positive standpoint, it counteracts the negative stigma that abstinence-heavy sex education puts on anything sex-related and enables people to have open (and very important) conversations regarding sexual health."

Each day of the week, Speak UP has hosted events to help students talk, learn and feel comfortable about sex.

To start the week off, the first event on Monday was Orange4Love Day, where members of the community were encouraged to dress in orange to express their solidarity with victims of teen violence and relationships. Students were also able to decorate an orange heart in the ELC to share what they enjoy about love.

On Tuesday, students were invited to attend Students Speak for Sex Week in the ELC, a Q&A

session led by a student panel. The session aimed to discuss sexuality, especially the aspects that not many people talk about due to the stigmas surrounding them. This year, the event was hosted by Avery Landon '22 and Kendall Garnett '22. The panelists were: Aiden Perry '22, Fae Groves '24, Helena Strauss '24, Isaiah Mays '23 and MK Lance '22.

"Sexual health and consent education has always been extremely important to me both as a person with a uterus and a queer person," Strauss said. "So when Speak Up started planning the sex positivity panel, I knew I wanted to be on it. Not only did I have fun, I learned so much from the other panelists. Sex positivity, is especially important on a campus like Bucknell where Greek life and hookup culture dominate the social scene. I am so glad that I was given the opportunity and platform to

speak about these issues."

Lance shared a similar sentiment.

"I'm glad there was an opportunity on campus to openly and positively discuss sex. Typically when sex is talked about on a campus-wide platform we're talking about sexual assault, rape, abuse, among other things. While this is incredibly important to continue to talk about, I also think it's beneficial to the Bucknell community and society as a whole to discuss safe, fun, exciting sex," Lance said.

Sophia Giannelli '22 attended the panel and had positive things to say.

"I really appreciated hearing such candid and respectful responses from a diverse group of students talking about taboo subjects like sex and sexuality. These topics, while prevalent

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Polar Bear Plunge

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Contributing Writer

Around 200 people gathered in Lewisburg to plunge into frigid water last week. The 18th annual Polar Bear Plunge was hosted on Feb. 5 with temperatures just under freezing.

Beginning in Downtown Lewisburg, the event attracted both University students and locals to the town. The admission fee was \$15 and benefited the organization Lewisburg Neighborhoods—whose mission is to foster the economic and cultural growth of the downtown area.

The Polar Bear plunge is part of the larger 'Lewisburg Ice Festival,' which showcases ice sculptures, food kiosks, Chocolate Lover's Festival, child-friendly games and, of course, the popular Polar Bear Plunge.

The festival started in 2004 as an effort to engage the community in a weekend of fun activities and to promote downtown Lewisburg.

The annual fundraiser normally has participants running into the Susquehanna River itself, near St. George Street. However, due to massive ice formations in the river, firefighter personnel from the William Cameron Engine Company came up with an alternative solution. They decided that filling a large makeshift plastic tarp with frigid water for small groups of attendees to plunge into would get the job done.

This was to ensure the safety of the participants, according to Debra Sulai, a Lewisburg Neighborhood board member.

Many student groups on campus encouraged their members to partake and support the community by attending the event. For example, the intramural rugby team has made participating in the Polar Bear Plunge a tradition, running in just their uniform shorts from Downtown to the event. Some members of the team even decided to go barefoot.

"[My favorite part] was being

able to attend such an exhilarating event with my teammates," Dylan Matase '24 said. "The water was very chilly, and after climbing out, you really felt the cold, but it was for a good cause and I was happy to be a part of it. Plus I got a cool hat."

The event is often considered as a "rite of passage" by University students, particularly that of the University's fraternities and sororities.

Polar Bear Plunge attendees could be seen in a variety of outfits. Costumes such as prisoners with orange jumpsuits, cowboy getups, bathing suits or just shorts were just some of the outfits seen.

Damien Mahanama '24 described the event as "very cool." "It was a great day, a cold one, but a great day. I was happy to support a local charity while having fun with my teammates," Mahanama said.

The annual Polar Bear Plunge continues to be a staple event for the community of Lewisburg and the University.

5 things to do on campus this weekend

Courtney Banks
Contributing Writer

As the winter drags on, it may feel very difficult to do anything other than stay inside and get cozy with a book or TV show when students have free time.

The University has some fun events on campus to attend and it's always nice to take advantage of the opportunities and resources available to the students. So, if any University students want to spice up their weekend plans but are lacking inspiration, look no further.

Here are five interesting events you can participate in this weekend:

1. Black Arts Festival

Attend one of the Black Arts Festival Events happening this weekend! There's a Fashion Show in Larison Hall Friday at 8 p.m., and Stomp Out Classic at the Weis Center Saturday at 8 p.m.

2. 7th Street & Makerspace

Go to the 7th Street Studio and Makerspace and make some art. On Saturday and Sunday the Makerspace is open from 5 p.m.-12 a.m. They will be hosting a LACOS sweatshirt event on Saturday from 12-4 p.m. Other than that, they will not be hosting any other studio events to encourage students to attend the Black Arts Festival.

3. Campus Theater

Venture down to the Campus Theater on Market Street to see a movie. "The Tragedy of Macbeth" will be playing on Saturday at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. The calendar marks the event as a bring your own beer night. On Sunday, in honor of Black History Month, "The Color Purple" will play at 1 p.m. "The Tragedy of Macbeth" will also be played again at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

4. Sporting Events

Cheer on the Bison sports teams! Men's and women's track and field has a meet beginning at 5 p.m. Friday evening in Gerard Fieldhouse. Men's lacrosse and men's basketball are competing at home this weekend. Lacrosse faces off against St. Johns at 12:30 p.m. Basketball plays Lafayette at 4 p.m. on Saturday. For more information go to the Bucknell Athletics website.

5. Get Outside

Layer up and get some outdoors time! Early weather predictions show that this weekend will be warmer than the past few weeks have given the campus community. Take a quick walk down to the river or explore one of the parks that are within walking distance.



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breaking the bubble

Juliana Collins
News Co-Editor

DOMESTIC

Last Sunday (Feb. 13) The Los Angeles Rams won the 56th Super Bowl 23-20 against the Cincinnati Bengals. Odell Beckham Jr. scored a touchdown during the first few minutes of the game. With 1:25 left, the Rams scored the final touchdown and took a conclusive three-point lead

Bob Saget, best known for his stand-up comedy and role on Full House, recently passed away on Jan. 9, 2022. His wife and daughters are suing Florida officials to block the release of the death investigation records. Family members argued that they would be in great pain and emotional distress if the records were released into the public, according to USA Today.

INTERNATIONAL

At the Beijing 2022 Olympics, the U.S. men's hockey team lost in a tough bout with competitor Slovakia. According to the New York Times, Slovakia's 3-2 win will end the United States' chances of winning an Olympic gold medal with its youngest team in decades.

On Feb. 15, Tropical Storm Dumako hit Madagascar, resulting in the displacement of 885 people. Two individuals are currently missing as a result of the storm, which hit Madagascar's Soanierana Ivongo area on Tuesday at 3 p.m.; winds in excess of 40 miles per hour battered the island, reaching up to 56 miles per hour as the storm crested.

Drew Darrow Memorial Reading features two Bucknell writers

Dora Kreitzer
Assistant News Editor

The Stadler Center and the Bucknell Writing Center co-hosted the Drew Darrow Memorial Reading on Feb. 8, featuring poetry and fiction readings by alumna Tyler Mills '05 and Visiting Assistant Professor of English Bix Gabriel.

The Drew Darrow Memorial Reading honors the memory of alumnus Drew Darrow '86, who passed away in 1997.

Mills is the author of two full-length poetry collections, the founding editor of the literary magazine The Account, and a teacher for Sarah Lawrence College's Writing Institute as well as the Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center's 24PearlStreet.

Gabriel is an editor at The Offing magazine and an award-winning author. Her debut novel "Archives for Amnesia" was a finalist for the 2021 PEN Bellwether Prize for Socially Engaged Fiction.

"Being in the audience of Stadler Center readings is such a warm and joyous experience — there's so much love for literature on the chats!" Gabriel said. "And this time, being on the other side, as a reader, was a thrill, to know and feel the community of

people in the audience who are genuinely listening, and excited about your work."

"It's a rare and wonderful experience."

Mills began by reading her poem "Cleaning Out the Lyre" from her collection "Tongue Lyre" (2013). In this collection, she tells a story of violence and the female body by employing both myth and memory; references to the works of Ovid, Homer and James Joyce abound. Ovid's Philomena is a recurring figure throughout the collection, and other characters of mythos are referenced as well.

In addition to this poem, she also read "Challenge in TV Yellow," which she co-wrote with poet Kendra DeColo as part of a chapbook project "Low Budget Movie" (2021) and "Hawk Parable" (2019). Mills mentioned that she was inspired to write "Hawk Parable" through historical exploration and to discuss, among other things, the negative effects of nuclear testing on the environment.

Mills' next project is "City Scattered," a poetry chapbook that examines the conditions of labor, especially the female wage workers in European cabaret and hyperinflation. She hopes that

the human and societal crises expose them to mirror conditions in the modern age.

Afterwards Gabriel presented one of her flash stories, meaning less than 1000 words, called "You Begin The End", which she chose in part because of the length — but also because it was published more than five years ago. Gabriel wanted students to see how long it can take for work to really reach the world.

She also read a current work-in-progress short story of hers called "Stalker". The protagonist of this story is a college student, whose character and problems Gabriel hoped would resonate with University students.

Her past work has appeared in many different journals and magazines, and has included essays titled "Should I Apply for Citizenship?" and "Imagining Tunacorn and Skunkinex in 'Immigrant Fiction,'" a story "Once", and flash fiction "Where We Learn to Bang Our Heads Against A Brick Wall" and "Not A Bar Story."

"I really enjoyed attending this Zoom," attendee Juliana Collins '23 said. "I thought both poets had great control over their writing and were able to connect well with their audience."

SEX POSITIVE WEEK

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on Bucknell's campus and social scene, are not talked about enough which creates unrealistic expectations and can lead to problematic situations," Giannelli said.

"I <3 the Female Orgasm," an educational presentation led by sex educators Lindsay Fram and Marshall Miller, was held on Wednesday in the Terrace room.

"I was most excited for the 'I <3 the Female Orgasm' presentation," Groves said, although she did express she is excited for all the events. "It was both educational and funny, and hosted by an outside organization! Regardless of your gender identity, it's important to recognize and learn about sexuality from a perspective that isn't heteronormative or male-appealing."

Thursday, "Love, Simon," a queer romance film, was presented in the Gallery Theatre at 6 p.m. This film emphasizes that anyone,

regardless of sexual orientation, can participate in healthy, romantic and sexual relationships.

This morning, Speak UP was able to host a more relaxed event led by Professor of Women and Gender Studies Jenna Christian. Interested students could engage in conversations concerning body neutrality while enjoying a morning mug of coffee.

Sex Positive Week was able to bring together the entire community to participate in meaningful conversations and prove that it is always essential and ideal to talk about sex positivity, safe sex, consent and more.

In addition to Sex Positive Week, Speak UP hosts workshops for all first-year students and other groups on campus, as well as a variety of events throughout the year.

Student with machete and airsoft rifle caught in Trax

Jaxon White
News Editor

On Feb. 12, Bucknell Public Safety sent a campus notification alerting the community of a student entering Trax Hall with a machete, a BB gun and a can of spray paint.

The time of the anonymous report was at 6:52 p.m., with the alert saying that Public Safety responded to the scene as soon as possible. The weapons were confiscated at the scene.

"After engaging with the student, Public Safety took possession of a machete and an airsoft rifle at the scene," said the Feb. 12 notification. "The student was removed from Trax Hall by Public Safety and will not return to campus pending further investigation and appropriate process."

The email did not specify if the suspect was violent during the apprehension, but it did say that the individual made "no individual threats" while being questioned by officers. It was also stated that the suspect poses no risk to campus at this time.

No identifying qualities of the student were given, and the University did not disclose the individual's name. Students have not received any more notifications about the incident since the initial email on Saturday.

"I was in the gym at the time heading back as the situation was concluding and P-Safe was searching the car I believe," said Seth Miller '24. "I personally feel no different as situations like this can happen anywhere and simply because it was Trax hall this time doesn't mean it's a higher risk living there."

Miller said he hasn't noticed any significant shifts in security for the building since the incident.

This event happened in the midst of growing distrust between the student body and public safety. At the beginning of this week, an anonymous person wrote in chalk on walkways across campus criticizing Public Safety about the alleged mishandling of past cases.

Currently, the University is facing a lawsuit from former public safety officer Colby M. Snook. He claims that he was mistreated in the work environment in response to whistleblowing information about former Chief of Public Safety Steve Barilar. For more information, see past reports from The Bucknellian.

No information was given by the notification whether or not the University plans on pressing charges against the student, or if the student remains in custody.

Stay tuned for updates as The Bucknellian follows the situation.



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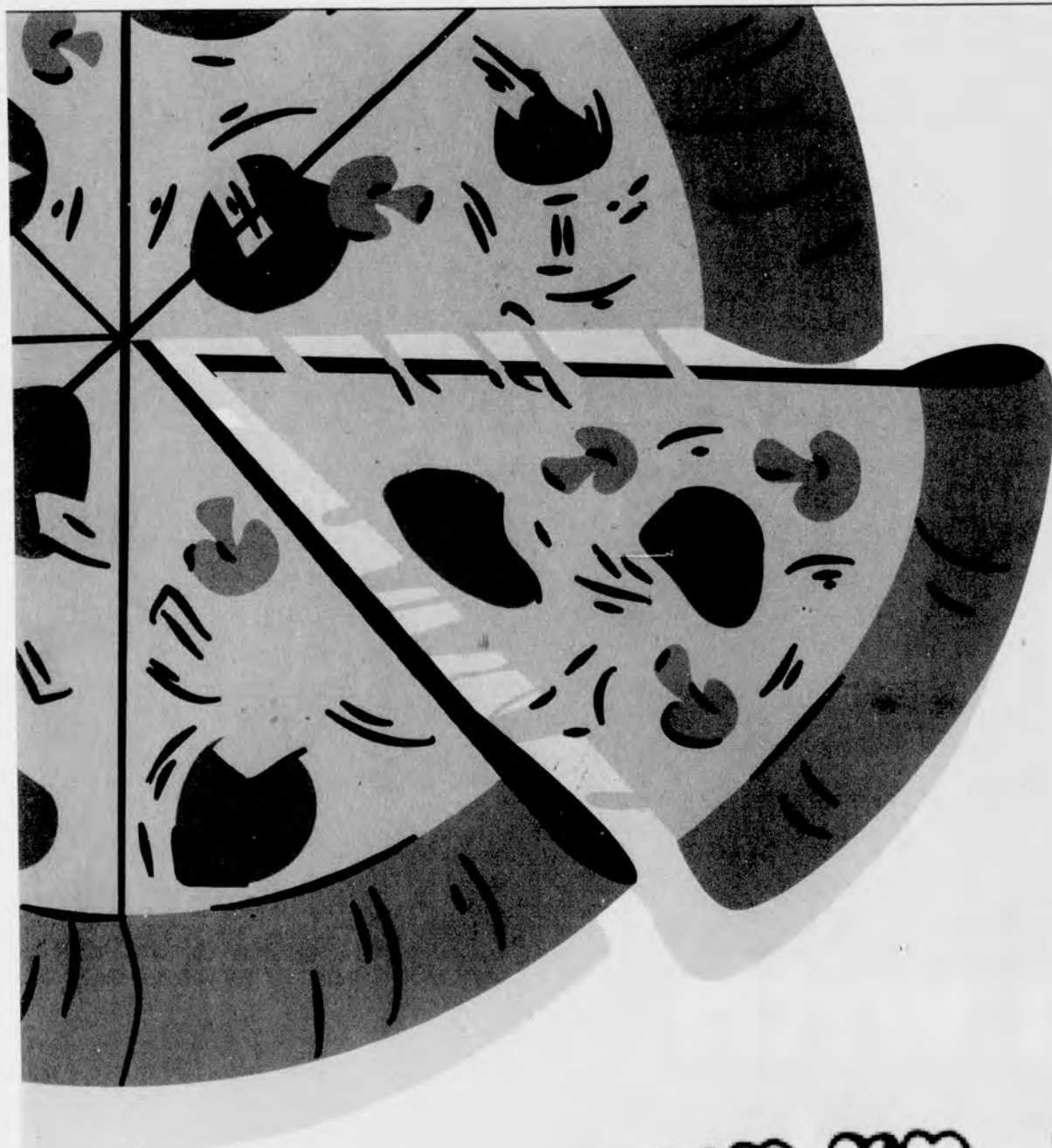
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The GOAT takes Super Bowl 365

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Satire Co-Editor

This past Sunday the Los Angeles Rams faced the Cincinnati Bengals in a fight to the death at the 365th annual Super Bowl. Luckily for the viewers, the halftime show lightened the mood of the vicious battle on the field. But despite what the viewers thought they were watching, this year's Super Bowl is rumored to have a different, secret winner.

Unbeknownst to many, Tom Brady actually single-handedly won this year's Super Bowl. According to some die-hard Patriots fans, seven-time Super Bowl winner Tom Brady benched the whole team and stepped in and played for every single player on the Rams team simultaneously. One Patriots fan claims he saw Brady catch his own throw and score a touchdown. Another fan saw Brady score every single homerun.

"Seeing Brady shapeshift and play every position was the highlight of the Super Bowl along with seeing 50 Cent upside down attached from the ceiling," Brady fan Gronk Gronkowski said.

At 44 years old, after 22 seasons in the National Football League, some football fans were skeptical about Brady's ability to win the whole game

himself. A Bengals fan expressed outrage, claiming that Brady's participation in the Super Bowl was outrageous and unfair. "The Bengals are the best team out there but it's not fair to pit them against the GOAT. Obviously they didn't stand a chance," Harambe said.

Along with the claims about Brady representing the Rams, it turns out that the majority of the Bengals team was composed of the half-time show artists. Snoop Dog stepped in as quarterback and Eminem rode the bench.

Though many extravagant but believable claims were made about various goings-on during and after the Super Bowl, the most viral claim was made by one of the fans in the crowd. Former husband to Kim Kardashian, Kanye West, was seen in the crowd sending threatening messages to his ex-wife's boyfriend Skete about his Calvin Klein underwear.

Overall, Super Bowl 365 was a show to remember. After the show, Eminem was nominated for best new artist for his new hit single "Lose Yourself." The song went viral after the game specifically for the line, "There's vomit on his sweater already, mom's spaghetti." Along with that good news, the GOAT can hopefully retire.

Dear IOC, Bring Back Our Favorite Games

AJ Lawrence
Senior Writer

Dear International Olympic Committee,

Hello, we here at The Bucknellian, the University's student newspaper, are writing to you today in order to inform you about what we think you must know about the winter Olympics.

Our audience and ourselves are loving all the events so far in the Olympic Games Beijing 2022, just like we did with the Tokyo 2020 Games last summer. We commend the hard work you put into bringing the games back and keeping the athletes and everyone else involved safe, as well as other changes you have made to improve various aspects of the events. The cardboard beds you debuted last summer were ingenious.

And we are still concerned for the athletes' safety, both from the ongoing pandemic and from the injuries sustained during events. The seven-player pile up during last Friday's women's ice hockey match as well as the tragic Biathlon incident from last Tuesday will certainly be unforgettable. But we aren't here to discuss what should be done to further ensure the athletes' safety.

No, we're here to discuss the public disappointment in all the games cut from this winter Olympics. The winter games are always fewer in number than the summer games, but it's even fewer this year for reasons you refuse to explain. So we are informing you that we want the following games to be brought back to the winter Olympics, and that we are even in the process of reading petitions to gain

signatures in support of bringing these games back.

The first game we want to be brought back is Sledge Ball, otherwise known as dodgeball on sleds. It is a perfectly reasonable game to have in the Olympics seeing as any country can form a team. It requires rigorous training in both sledding and throwing things at other athletes, both already showing up in other Olympic sports, so we know athletes can do it. It's also very popular with fans, so why not bring it back?

The second event is the Ice Sculpting event. While we agree it's not technically a sport, making statues out of ice is extremely difficult to do and when the individual and team competitions are each 10 hours long, it certainly becomes a very physically and mentally demanding task. In our opinions, made professional because Lewisburg roads get icy in the winter, this makes Ice Sculpting an acceptable competition for the Olympics.

The final game people want brought back is the Reindeer Games event, which is essentially the winter equivalent of the summer Equestrian event but with Reindeer. The amount of accidents when riding the Reindeer are the same as with the Horses, so fans can't see a reason why it was taken out in the first place.

We all hope that you will consider our grievances and reinstate the games we all love so much. We shall wait for your response with baited breath while watching the rest of the winter Olympic Games.

Sincerely,
The Bucknellian and Many
More Perturbed Fans

You'll Never Believe it! Student shocks crowd at Talent show with incredible trick!

Aaron Chin
Staff Writer

It's no secret that many students here at the University have amazing and incredible talents, so naturally last week's Talent Show was a rousing success. Hundreds of students showed up, packing the auditorium to support their classmates during their acts.

There was a wide variety of acts at the show this year; the roster consisted of everything from singers to a flute duet. But the most shocking act this year came from a magician by the name of Melvin Van Gloom, one of the University's many international students.

Van Gloom is a sophomore here at the University. Of course, sophomore not only means a second-year student, but also "wise fool." Prior to the show one of Van Gloom's peers, Susan DeLonesome, approached him with a request.

"For your trick, can you call my boyfriend on stage and make my boyfriend's love for me disappear?" she asked. "He's so arrogant, and I just don't really have a love for him anymore, and he makes me feel lonely."

Van Gloom, the sophomore, said "Of course. I can make anything disappear." The auditorium lights go out, and Van Gloom sits backstage, anxiously awaiting his turn. Act after act goes by, and after about an hour, Van Gloom is called out onto stage. It's showtime.

Van Gloom's first trick goes rather well; he does a simple card trick to warm up the audience. After that, he addresses the audience. "Is there an Aaron Gant here?" he asks. After no one answers, he says, "Aaron? Aaron?"

"I'm right here," Aaron says as he walks up the aisle to the stage. He climbs onto the stage, and the audience cheers for him. Aaron waves back sheepishly, and a shy blush comes to his cheeks. Van

Gloom takes him by the hand and guides Aaron to the center of the stage, positioning him right in the spotlight.

"Now, you're in a relationship, right Aaron?" Van Gloom asks.

"Yeah, I have a girlfriend," "Well, I have some news," Van Gloom the sophomore says. "She doesn't love you anymore." Aaron is stunned by the news, and even the furthest audience member can see just how upset he is. "And when I snap my fingers," Van Gloom continued, "you won't love her, either. 3...2...1!" Van Gloom snaps, and Aaron's upset face turns to one of relief.

"Wow!" he yells. "It worked! It really worked!"

The crowd roars with applause as Van Gloom yells at the top of his lungs, "HE AND HIS GIRLFRIEND DON'T LOVE EACH OTHER ANYMORE!!!!"

The crowd chants louder and louder, cheering "No more love! No more love!"

Needless to say, this year's talent show was a major success!

PSafe starts daycare for frat boys

Siobhan Nerz
Senior Writer

Recently, Student Health has been inundated with frat boys who stagger up to the front desk with symptoms of headaches and sensitivity to light. Medical professionals have smartly been prescribing their patient's plenty of fluids and sunglasses. However, this influx of frat boys has put a strain on Student Health's resources. Thus, the university has come up with a more permanent solution to support Greek life on campus.

Last Thursday, Public Safety opened a daycare for men in fraternities. The free service is being advertised all along fraternity row. It seems from the posters that the daycare seeks to provide a safe space for men after a long

night of festivities. For this article, I took a trip to the daycare and interviewed some of the boys to find out about their experiences.

I learned that the new daycare provides top-tier nap time services for tired boys. Cushions and warm fuzzy blankets are provided for hourly "sleepy" time. However, the boys are welcome to bring their own items of comfort, such as stuffed animals. For the boys who may feel uncomfortable sleeping away from their normal bed, the Public Safety officers will cradle them in their arms to replicate the feeling of being hugged by a fellow bro. Phil Landers '23 explained that his "pre-nap cuddle with the Public Safety Officer fulfilled his longing for human touch as [he] failed to find a companion the previous night."

In addition to nap time, the

daycare provides the boys with drinks and snacks. Some of the drink options are warm milk and apple juice. Many of the boys are wary of the drinks due to their low alcohol content. However, Dirk Moore '24 said that the red solo cup that held the milk was "familiar" and "comforting." In addition to drinks, Public Safety offers white powdered donuts. Some of the officers have caught the boys inhaling the powder off of the pastries. In response to the boys' confusion, the Public Safety officers have been seen cutting up the donuts and hand-feeding them to the boys.

All in all, the daycare seems to be a helpful addition to the campus as it keeps our frat boys comfortable and enables them to continue their activities that contribute greatly to University student life.

Astonishing Report Reveals Winston Churchill is still Dead One Week later

Maximus Bean
Satire Co-Editor

It is now two weeks after that shocking conference on former Prime Minister Winston Churchill, where he was announced dead to the shock of everyone. Here is a second important announcement: he is still dead, to the delight of necromancers everywhere.

In fact, I am writing to you all to say that The Bucknellian has discovered an exclusive scoop, found deep in the bowels of the Himalayas. Underneath those snowy mountain caps, a team of scientists and reanimators alike are looking to clone the once-dead Winston Churchill. Surrounded by test tube-babies and test-tube adults, these brave men and women are taking the steps none have ever taken before.

"It's quite simple really," head researcher Zom Walker, a Swedish scientist of 57, said. "We've done many experiments with STEM cells; grafting ears onto mice, heads onto dogs, and growing our own lambs. Now we're essentially creating our own free-range, grass-fed Winston!" Walker and others like him, a select group of individuals dedicated to cracking the code of biological cloning, have hunkered down in the depths of the snowy mountains to conduct their research in secret.

"Winston Churchill was a great speaker and an important man," another scientist noted. "We would rather he be cloned than mourned. It saves more time and recycles more resources in the long run." Right now, cloning capabilities are significantly stronger than they were 400 years ago. Using cells from one of Churchill's descendants, and a

single one of his hairs, scientists could examine and replicate his genetic code. If this is properly accomplished, then it clears the way for many such advances for the average person. Imagine, instead of growing old and dying like a normal person, we can watch as our clones grow in a test tube and eventually we can battle ourselves in a trial by combat; the only honorable way to continue existing. It's probably very carbon-friendly too.

However, such procedures have not been without their detractors. While they certainly exist, we chose not to interview them because cloning things sounds so much cooler than not cloning them. Why go through the pain of childbirth for some kid you might not recognize when you could just create a human straight from the get go? Sure there's one or two ethical issues there, but just don't think about it and it'll be a-ok.

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The Griot Institute: Study of Black Lives and Cultures

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On the second floor of Hildreth Mirza Hall sits a timelessly rich archive of African history and culture. This place serves as a mecca of art, literature and discovery of Black identity. The resources offered at the Griot Institute provide an awakening for some and nostalgia for others. It is here where we as students get to take initiative with our own education on such matters in an effort to entangle the complicated cultural fabric of our current society. We approach this space with curiosity, humility and a further thirst for more.

The reputable Toni Morrison Society is known for celebrating the groundbreaking literary work of the titled writer. It was a traveling non-profit program dedicated to spreading Morrison's work. In July of 2008, the organization partnered with the University to serve as its institutional home for the next three years. This would later ignite the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) progression of a notable predominantly white institution (PWI) to design and conduct more comprehensive programming.

"Griot" is derived from West African terminology as a central cultural figure who held functions such as "community historian, cultural critic, Indigenous artist, and collective spokesperson."

History and International Relations Professor Cymone Fourshey, Director of the Griot Institute, is the driving force in establishing and fostering cross-cultural intellectual engagement and forwarding the awareness and celebration of black lives at the University.

"The mission of Bucknell's Griot Institute for the Study of Black Lives and Cultures is to follow in the intellectual practice of the Griot to foster collaborative enterprise devoted primarily to the interdisciplinary exploration of the

aesthetic, artistic, and scholarly cultural products and intellectual currents of historical and contemporary Africana communities."

Griot consists of a select group of student assistants along with an advisory committee of faculty, staff, and emeriti to promote its mission.

The Griot Institute works on and produces a plethora of DEI and cultural awareness initiatives throughout the academic year.

The Griot Book Project can be found in the Bucknell Digital Commons. It showcases an array of works of BIPOC writers and academics reflecting and shedding light on Black culture.

For Martin Luther King Jr. Week, Griot headlined a weeklong celebration showcasing lectures, featuring discussions, holding community dinners, and fundraising for a charitable gift drive.

The Griot provides inter-disciplinary opportunities for undergraduate research that focus on projects centered around their overall mission.

They offer their very own study abroad program in the Caribbean (Study Abroad with Griot) for those planning to travel for a tropical and experiential learning experience in the Summer of 2023.

Earlier this year, the Griot held events in the Weis Center of Performing Arts such as dance programs, concerts and speakers. Back in January Valarie Kaur, "civil rights leader, lawyer, award-winning filmmaker, educator, best-selling author, renowned speaker, Sikh American mother, woman warrior" was one of those keynote speakers. With free admission to the event, her talk was on *See No Stranger: Revolutionary Love as the Call of our Times*. This

was followed by a book signing and post-talk discussion.

In the weeks to come, the Griot will be holding weekly events featuring guest lecturers for their annual Spring Series focusing on Technologies of Disruption: Aesthetics, Innovations and Narratives of Blackness. On Feb. 16, the series kicked off with André Brock Jr.: This, That, and a Third: Black Joy as Cyberculture.

Some upcoming events are as follows:

Feb. 23: Hanif Abdurraqib.
Mar. 9: Ruha Benjamin.
Mar. 23: Sona Jobareth:
Transforming Education in Africa

The series will conclude with Boris Willis: Creative Interactive Digital Black Experiences on Mar. 30.

The Griot Institute offers numerous cultural and academic resources at our fingertips. The Griot has a specific online catalog of resources on Race, Racism, and Resistance. "We provide these curated sources as one means of reflecting on the lived experiences of black Americans in the 21st century as shaped and constrained by more than four centuries of racial bias and racism in a democratic society." They are furthering their endeavors in confronting issues of injustice and systematic discrimination not only at the University but in the world beyond. This not only provides a safe haven for those whose identity aligns with BIPOC culture but an avenue of awareness and vulnerability for those who have little acquaintance with Black history.



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Men's Lacrosse on a two-win streak

Laurel McHale
Senior Writer

In another two-goal game, the Bison came out on top against Robert Morris, 14-12. The Bison had five players register at least three points, en route to a victory over the Colonials.

Throughout the game, Connor Davis '25 proved his previous impressive performances no fluke. Coming off a six goal game, he had a five-point performance with four goals and one assist. Fellow first-year standout Cam Doolan '25 registered his first three collegiate goals, all within the first quarter.

The Orange and Blue came out with a strong 5-1 start in the first quarter. By the 13:52 mark in the second quarter, Robert Morris was able to chip away at the gap, whittling it down to 6-5. The Orange and Blue responded with a three-goal run, allowing themselves a three-goal lead by halftime.

Robert Morris came out firing in the third quarter. They

scored four of the first five goals, evening out the score between the two competitors. Thankfully, Davis and Dutch Furlong '24 each found the back of the net in the final two minutes of the frame to give the Orange and Blue back its lead, at 13-11. Richie Striano '24 notched the final goal and the insurance tally to make the final score 14-12.

Furlong, Alston Tarry '22 and Danny Striano '23 rounded out the group notching at least three points on the game. Travis Talarico '22 led the way with five ground balls and two caused turnovers. Nick Crovatto '22 and Conor McCusker '23 again split time in the faceoff, combining for 12 wins. Crovatto also netted his first career goal off of a faceoff win with 4:47 remaining in the first quarter.

The Orange and Blue next hosts St. John's for its home opener on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 12:30 p.m.

Bison Lacrosse Fights Hard in Opening Weekend

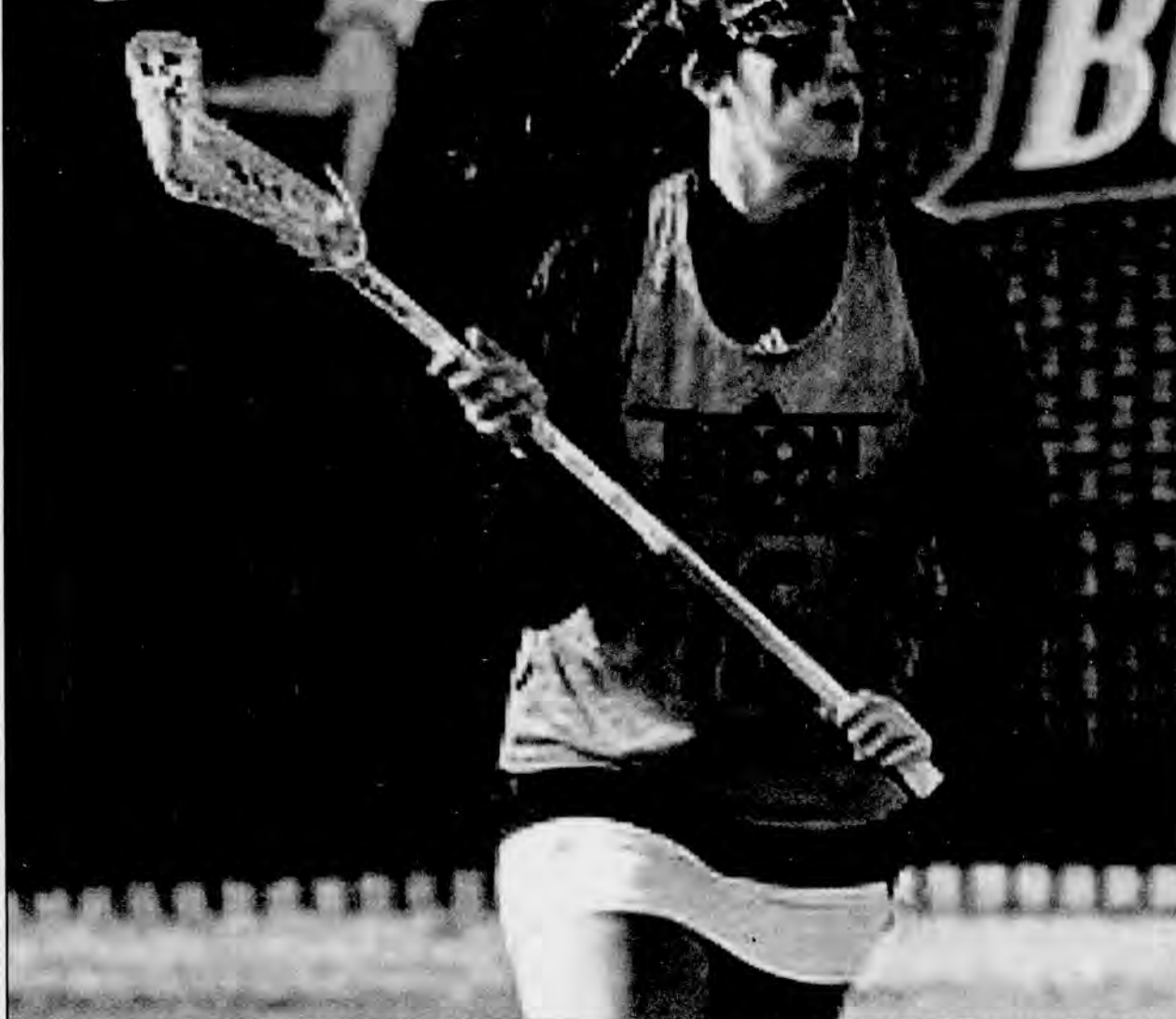


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Hannah Stuck
Staff Writer

The Bison women's lacrosse team lost their opening match against Canisius on Graham Field 14-12. The Orange and Blue took a 3-0 lead early in the first quarter, with Tatum Kohlbrener '24 scoring the opening goal of the season.

Laurel McHale '22 earned the next two goals of the Bison's 2022 campaign, receiving a pass from Carly Cenci '25 to score her first goal of the season. With 4:36 left in the first period, the

Bison held a 3-0 lead.

Canisius came to life in the second period, taking their first lead of the day 5-4. Kohlbrener got a pass from McHale and tied the game at 5-5 at the end of the period.

After the Bison's brief break between periods, McHale had her third goal of the day, giving the Orange and Blue a 6-5 lead. The game was neck-and-neck for the next few minutes, with the score knotting up at 6-6 and 7-7.

The Bison soon lost the lead, with the Golden Griffins scoring the next two goals less than a minute apart. Katie Wendell '22 had a goal in the opening minutes

of the fourth quarter, cutting Canisius' lead to 10-9.

The next couple minutes went downhill for the Bison, with the Golden Griffins scoring four uncontested goals, consolidating their lead 14-9.

The Bison kept battling, cutting the lead to 14-12 with 2:38 left to play. Ella Payer '23 had won her fourth draw control of the day, trying to help the Orange and Blue make a comeback in the last period.

Time ran out, and the Bison had lost their first game of the season. The Golden Griffins ended the game with a 27-25 shot

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Upcoming Events

Men's and Women's Track and Field

- Bucknell Tune Up 2/18 at 5pm

Men's Basketball

- Vs Lafayette on 2/19 at 4pm

Men's Lacrosse

- Vs St. Johns on 2/19 at 12:30pm

Men's Basketball faces a series of mixed results

Brooke Tracey
Contributing Writer

The Bison men's basketball team faced a series of mixed results this past week, beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 9 versus American and ending on Monday, Feb. 14 at Lehigh. In this three-game stretch, the Bison went 1-2, with a win and loss at home, and a loss on the road. The Orange and Blue's record now sits at 6-21 on the season and 3-12 in Patriot League play.

The first of the three games came as a victory against American University. After facing a devastating overtime loss to Lafayette just a few days earlier, the Bison knew they needed to come out on top, and they did just that. While the Bison just edged the Eagles 68-66, it was their first-half performance that was critical. The Bison outscored American 39-28 in the first half, making up for the 38-29 deficit in the second half. It was ultimately an American-missed 3-pointer at the buzzer that granted the Bison victory.

The Bison returned to Sojka on Saturday, Feb. 12 to face-off against Holy Cross. Unfortunately, they did not receive the result they wanted, losing 78-72. It was the Crusader's thirteen offensive rebounds to the Bison's eight that played a huge factor in the result of the game. The Orange and Blue only trailed by six heading into halftime, but those six points are what separated them from the Crusaders for the remainder of the game. The Bison narrowed the Crusader lead within two

points multiple times in the final minutes of the game, but this did not prove enough to secure a victory.

The Orange and Blue started the week at Lehigh on Monday, Feb. 14 in an important match-up against the Mountain Hawks, but could not quite find a victory. While the Bison led the Mountain Hawks 40-35 into halftime, it was Lehigh's second-half performance that ultimately gave them the edge. The game was tied at 71, but a Lehigh run put them ahead 76-71. While the Bison put up six more points in the game, they could not stop the Mountain Hawks on offense, falling 86-77. The Lehigh victory can be accredited to a series of long-range three-pointers, with the Bison unable to respond.

Andrew Funk '22 remained very optimistic when asked about this series of games. He acknowledged being "really proud of the way [the] team has battled throughout the season."

"This past week or so [the team] played in a couple of very close games that could have gone either way," he added, "so [they] just need to do a few things better on both ends of the court to come out with more wins."

The Bison have three regular-season games remaining, with two slated in Sojka and one on the road at Army. You can catch the Orange and Blue taking the court back in Sojka on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 4 p.m. in another close match-up with the Lafayette Leopards.

Victorious weekend for the Bison

Alivia Handson
Contributing Writer

Women's Tennis

At Murray Hill Tennis and Fitness, the Lady Bison defeated Seton Hall, 4-2, with outstanding performances by first years Whitney King '25 and Anna Lajos '25. The following day at Sportsplex New Windsor, they earned another win against Marist in a 5-0 victory.

On Saturday, King and Lajos continued to add to their impressive reputation. King advanced to 11-2 for the season with a win in second singles as well as in first doubles alongside Daniela Bellini '22, improving their record to 12-1. Lajos also earned herself a singles win, setting herself at 8-1 for the season. In third doubles, Lajos and Madi Sebulsky '24 topped their Seton Hall opponents.

The Orange and Blue's Tyne Miller '24 picked up a win by default to solidify the victory, as Bellini's first singles match ended in a 3-3 tie.

On Sunday, against Marist, the Lady Bison evinced no doubt of their ability to win once more. Surely enough, King and Lajos each grabbed another win. Other impressive performances came from Miller, Laurel Utterback '24, and Bellini to lead the Bison to a 2-0 weekend.

Men's Tennis

Along with the women's team, the men's tennis team prevailed with a 4-3 victory over Siena on Friday night and a dramatic 7-0 win over Marist on Saturday. Everyone carried their own weight this weekend, but there was special spotlight on Harrison Gold '24 who ground out a win on Friday to net himself his first collegiate victories.

On Friday, along with Gold's outstanding match, Nick Mueller '23, Tim Zelikovsky '24 and Ink Chen '24 each contributed with wins in three-set singles matches. All three came back after being down a set and proved their determination and competitiveness with dominant third sets. Chen's match brought the team to tie Siena 3-3, and Zelikovsky allowed the Bison to be dubbed victorious.

Head Coach Bruce Myers had a few words to say about the win. "This was a quality win, as Siena was coming off a convincing win over Boston University... It was good that we showed a lot of resiliency after losing a lot of first sets in singles. We need to find a way to start more quickly tomorrow against a solid Marist team that we have not beaten in a while," Myers said.

On Saturday, it seemed that the team took those words to heart as the Bison won all three doubles matches and six singles in their win over Marist. Nico Grunig '25 got himself his first dual-match singles win. The Orange and Blue hope to carry this momentum into next week's away match against Saint Joseph's on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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advantage. Kohlbrenner had one hundred percent accuracy on her free-position shots, going 3-3 on the day.

Colleen Kazanjian '25 and Caitlin Tucker '22 split time in net for the Bison, while Cenci and Allie Boyce '25 made their freshman debut by starting and scoring a point throughout the game.

"We came off an intense pre-season and it was upsetting that we did not play like ourselves. It was also really upsetting to end a game with that outcome. We had a lot of positive takeaways from the game with a lot of underclassmen contributing and our comeback attempt in the fourth quarter. We have highlighted our

weaknesses from that game and are excited to make changes and continue our season," Kohlbrenner, the Patriot League Midfielder of the Week, said.

McHale was also named Patriot League Offensive Player of the Week for her great performance.

The Bison take on Binghamton on the road on Saturday Feb. 19 at 3 p.m.

Bison Women's Water Polo finishes 3-1 at Princeton Invitational

Charlotte Dursee
Contributing Writer

The No. 24 Bison women's water polo team traveled to Princeton, N.J. this past weekend to participate in the competitive Princeton Invite. Other teams in attendance included VMI, Princeton and Saint Francis.

The Orange and Blue opened up the invite Friday with a match against Iona College. While the Bison quickly fell 2-0 down within the first two minutes of the game, they were able to take back the lead after scoring 4 goals in a row to close out the first quarter. The goals were a shared effort between Isabelle Monaghan '24, Larissa Hodzic '22 and Paige Furano '22. The second quarter consisted of two goals, one from each side, ending the half at 4-3, with the Orange and Blue still holding onto the lead.

Iona did not let up going into the last quarters of the game. They tied the game at 4 before Furano scored her second goal to keep the Bison up. Once again Iona tied the game at 5, but Chloe Smith '23 came in clutch in the last seven seconds of the third quarter.

Despite tying the game in the initial minutes of the fourth quarter, Iona could not come back after Monaghan pushed the Bison ahead with two goals added to the scoreboard. Bella Moynihan '23 sealed the deal with two further goals, ending the game 10-6.

The Bison picked back up

Saturday morning in a match against Saint Francis. With a fresh win under their belt, the Orange and Blue came out strong, scoring five goals in the first period of the game. Moynihan, Smith, Monaghan, Furano, and Hodzic each contributed to this impressive first round.

Saint Francis was able to find the back of the net once in the second, which was then answered by goals from Furano and Hodzic.

The Bison's opponents started chipping away their lead early into the third, taking the score to 9-5. They were able to get as close as 10-7 late in the game, but Megan LaCroix '23 scored a crucial goal that helped the Bison secure the 11-8 victory. Annika Lampen '25 finished with an impressive 5 goals to help the Bison towards their win.

On the same day, the Orange and Blue also played No. 21 Princeton; this match unfortunately ended the former's winning streak. The Bison ended the first quarter down 2-1 and the gap only grew, by the end of the half they were down 9-1. Moynihan and Boati Motau '25 were each able to find the back of the net to score the Bison's only other two goals of the game. The Tigers fought hard and ended the game with a score of 14-3.

The fourth and final game was played against VMI, where the Bison had a season high score of 16 goals and won by nine goals, the goal-margin since a win last April.

The Orange and Blue set the tone by taking a 5-1 lead in the first quarter. Two goals came from both Hodzic and Monaghan and one from LaCroix. The Bison kept up the momentum flowing into the second quarter. Motau, Smith and Izzy Lippolis '25 each scored, pushing the lead to 8-3 by the half.

The Bison kept dominating into the later quarters of the game and finished with a score of 16-7. The team had 11 different scorers come out of the match. Sidney Finkler '25 and Caroline Oates '25 both scored their first collegiate goals in the win. Lampen again impressed with seven saves and two assists.

"As a team, we try to adopt the mindset of being physically and mentally tough and to take the weekends one game at a time," Furano noted. "We go into the weekend confident that we worked hard in practice on developing and refining skills that will help us succeed in these tough matches."

The Bison had a successful 3-1 weekend and now hold onto a record of 5-2. The next match will be held at the University on Feb. 26. The match will also be "senior night" for Furano and Hodzic.

Furano said she is "looking forward to enjoying the experience and playing against a competitive team. This game is not just a celebration for the seniors, but for all my teammates and their families who have been so dedicated to our sport."

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Laurel McHale '22

Profile

Sport

Lacrosse

Hometown

Bernardsville, N.J.

High School

Bernards

Position

Attack



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Clara McCormick
Senior Writer

The Bison women's lacrosse 2022 season has officially begun. Laurel McHale '22, has personally started off with a bang, earning Patriot League Attacker of the Week after their hard-fought, heartbreaker loss to Canisius College on Saturday. The final score was 12-14, with McHale contributing a career-high four goals and two assists.

"It felt good to finally be able to get back on the field for our spring season!" McHale beamed, explaining that "It was obviously not the result that we had hoped for, but it gave us an opportunity to grow as a team and focus on our weaknesses moving forward."

The attacker has been a crucial part of the Bison team since her rookie season. Her first year she appeared in 13 games, contributing four points. Her junior year, she made seven starts in nine games and scored a whopping 11 goals and seven assists. In fact, these 18 points were the most scored by any one member of the team in a game during their junior campaign.

McHale's humility shines

through as she praises her team's efforts. She is hopeful for the rest of the season. "I am lucky to be surrounded by such talented players, and we compliment each other well to highlight our strengths" McHale said.

The goal-scoring senior and her teammates will get an opportunity for their first victory this Saturday in Vestal NY against Binghamton University.

Career Stats

29 games played
8 starts
17 goals
11 assists
28 shots on goal

Bison Softball goes 0-4 in Green & Gold Classic

Lea Tarzy
Contributing Writer

The Orange and Blue softball had a tough opening season schedule, facing off against Notre Dame and UNC Charlotte this past weekend. The Bison women matched up against these two teams on Friday, Feb. 11, and faced them each again on Saturday, Feb. 12.

In game one, the Bison went up against Notre Dame and fell 9-1 to the Fighting Irish. A first-inning grand slam gave the Fighting Irish an early lead; with only one out in the first inning, the bases were loaded when the Notre Dame player stepped up and hit a home run that gave her team a 4-0 lead. The Bison responded quickly, retiring the next two batters immediately after. However, the Fighting Irish continued to dominate, scoring runs in the second, third, and fourth innings. Chase Knapp '23 notably hit her fourth career home run in the top of the third inning to put the Bison on the scoreboard. The Fighting Irish continued to lead, ending with a final score of 9-1 in their favor.

Later on Friday, the Bison squared off again, this time going up against UNC Charlotte. Three pitchers saw action in this game, but unfortunately, their efforts were not enough to head off the 49ers. UNC Charlotte dominated the game handily, scoring 16 hits while holding the Orange

and Blue women to zero. Madison Roukey '25 started the game at pitcher and posted two strikeouts in the first innings. However, Hunter Vestal '24 was put in for her after Roukey allowed five out of nine earned runs that were scored during her 1.2 innings in the circle. Olivia Marinelli '23 took over for Vestal after just one inning. MaKenzie Hilling '25 opened the top of the fifth inning and had the Bison's singular hit of the game with a single. Hilling went on to the second (wild pitch) and then to third (groundout); she nearly made it back to home base and ruined the 49ers' shutout, but was caught at home on a fielder's choice.

On Saturday morning, the Bison women came back strong and scored the first run against the 49ers, who had held them completely scoreless the evening prior. However, the home team came back and scored in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth innings to triumph 4-1 over the Bison. The Bison women's scoresheet improved, putting up four hits compared to the single hit against the same team the day prior. Knapp, Zoie Smith '24, Elena Horn '25 and Nicole Rivait '22 each contributed with one hit. Kelly Toomey '22 pitched five innings for the Bison, including two strikeouts. The Bison women held that 1-0 lead

until the 49ers responded with four runs to bring the final score to 4-1 in the favor of UNC Charlotte.

Later in the day, the Bison matched up against Notre Dame for the second time in the two-day tournament. The ACC preseason favorite dominated, scoring a total of 12 runs, and held the Orange and Blue to a shutout throughout. The Bison had five hits, with contributions from Hilling, Smith, Rivait and Kailyn Lorberter '23. The fifth inning was especially exciting, as the Fighting Irish scored five hits and five runs to drastically increase their lead.

"It was a tough weekend for us as a team, but I think we are walking away from the games with a lot of knowledge and a lot of things to work on," Rivait added. "We have to believe that it's all a part of a big picture, so even though it didn't work this weekend, we can take it back to practice and work on those negatives and be better every weekend we show up."

"It's only up from here," she added. "It's exciting to finally be out on the field and I can't wait to see what our team has in store for the rest of the season." Bella Radican '25 noted.

The Bison women look ahead to their next matchup again on the road in North Carolina next weekend to take on Marist and UNCW.

Women's Golf begins the spring at Bay Point

Kaylee Donnelly
Staff Writer

Bison wrestling finished EIWA dual action for 2021-22 with a defeat by No. 23 Lehigh, 21-12, on Saturday, Feb. 12 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The defeat brought their record to 12-5 overall and they ended with a 7-3 record in EIWA duals.

Facing their first nationally-ranked team of their campaign, No. 18 Zach Hartman '22 started off strong, with a strong 10-3 win at 165 pounds. The victory marked his 16th career win over a nationally ranked opponent and meant he ended with a perfect 8-0 record in EIWA dual-action.

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"I would say the key to my success has just been to keep training and trying to get better each week and for each competition," said Miller on his fine run of form.

The Orange and Blue end their 2021-22 dual calendar with another tough matchup, going away to 12th ranked Oklahoma State, their second nationally-ranked opponent in their dual calendar.

"The team and I are very excited to close out the dual meet season against Oklahoma State," said Miller. "It is a big match and could be very great opportunities for a bunch of guys on the team." They face the Cowboys on Friday, Feb. 18.

Women's Basketball bounces back on the road

Rylee Donaldson
Contributing Writer

The Orange and Blue went on the road to D.C. to face the American Eagles. The midweek game was very back and forth with multiple lead changes. The Eagles went on to win 56-48 over the Bison, who were plagued by 18 turnovers. Marly Walls '22 and Taylor O'Brien '22 each had 10 points in the contest. The Orange and Blue's record moved to 16-7 overall and 7-5 in the Patriot League with the loss.

The Bison were back on the road and had a massive win over first-place Holy Cross. The Orange and Blue defeated the Crusaders in a decisive 66-49 victory. The Bison led much of the game, going up by 30 at one point, and held the Crusaders

to 28.3 percent shooting.

O'Brien had another big game with 17 points and added six rebounds and three steals. Carly Krsul '23 also added big double-digit numbers with 16 and contributed seven rebounds, two assists and two blocks. Cecelia Collins '24 put up nine points, just one point shy of her career-high.

The Orange and Blue shot nearly 50 percent at 26-of-56 (46.4) for the day. The Bison outrebounded the Crusaders 44-33 and outscored them 40-16 in the paint. The game started with a 12-0 Bison run, and they then held Holy Cross to just 5 points in the second quarter. The Crusaders made a slight comeback in the fourth

quarter, but the Bison were dominant for most of the game.

The Bison were 9-of-16 in the opening 10 minutes of the game, which included a 2-of-4 effort from behind the arc. They continued to control the rest of the game ending with a huge win.

"It was a huge win for us coming off of the loss to American. We were able to really bounce back and play a great game against a really good team. We definitely got our momentum back and I think we are prepared for the next game at home," Walls said.

The Bison return home to Sojka to host the Lehigh Mountain Hawks on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m.

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A Return to Glory

Kaylee Donnelly
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Superbowl LVI kicked off this weekend with a highly anticipated match between the Los Angeles Rams and the Cincinnati Bengals. With a large television audience, reaching over 100 million viewers, the Rams were able to take home the trophy in their home stadium in Los Angeles.

For the Rams, this win potentially meant much more than a season title. The organization originally began in Cleveland, Ohio in

1936, moving to Los Angeles in 1946. The team remained in Los Angeles for 48 years, before packing up and moving to St. Louis in 1994.

In 2016, the Rams returned to California. Even when they resided in Los Angeles, the city was mainly known for its basketball and baseball teams, not necessarily its football. Existing between two successful professional teams, even though from different sports, proved difficult for the Rams to gain the same

kind of support as other NFL teams. What might have made it worse, potentially, was the fact that in the Rams 48 years in Los Angeles, they didn't win a single Superbowl title.

Six years after their move to St. Louis, the Rams won their first Super Bowl title, defeating the Tennessee Titans 23-16. Despite their relative success in St. Louis, the team did not feel their needs were being met. They wanted their facilities to be some of the best in the NFL, and St. Louis could not provide

that, so they moved.

Despite moving in 2016, their new stadium did not open until September 2020. SoFi stadium was something the Rams had been looking for in St. Louis but ultimately got while in Los Angeles.

This season proved the team's work ethic, finishing the regular season winning the NFC West division. They then went on to win the next four games, including the Superbowl, finishing their season with a record of 12-5

and bringing home the NFL Championship title.

The Super Bowl's occurrence in Los Angeles definitely put the spotlight on the Rams in California. Although they still have a lot of work to do in establishing their name in the city of angels, hosting the Super Bowl, filling the stadium, winning their second-ever Super Bowl title on their own turf and being the first team to win in Los Angeles will help bring football back to the entertainment capital of the country.

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What happened to the Olympics?

Sal Iovino
Opinions Co-Editor

The 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing are nearing a close, yet interest in the games seems to be historically mild. Is this because the United States is not excelling against its competitors? Are the COVID restrictions implemented by China — including limitations on in-person spectatorship — curbing excitement? Am I just out of touch? As much as I'd like to believe any of these reasons, unfortunately, I think that the lack of engagement with this year's Winter Olympics is just a symptom of today's media and social climate in the United States.

After the past nearly two years, any news that isn't pertaining to COVID, vaccination, mass social movements or incendiary political discourse has become comparatively mild. The Olympics is the least concerning item for most as the U.S. attempts economic and social reform, the ever-lingering presence of COVID still dominates headlines and mental health concerns are seemingly growing at an alarming rate for most of the population.

With people becoming more politically active now more than ever in the United States, many cannot go a day without engaging in some form of ideological debate or conflict with either their peers or those on the internet, all just to satiate their need for social engagement and excitement. Much of the young adult population in the United States has become enamored in conflict and debate about all manners of social justice, economic reform and human rights issues. While this is certainly not a problematic trend, it has largely limited what was previously considered "exciting," like top-shelf athletics. Serious topics are certainly important and worth at-length debate and recognition, but there also needs to be a balance.

Young people are not the ones to blame for these newfound fixations, however. For years, the current generation of young adults was excited about the Olympic games, largely owing to its dominant cultural presence on the global stage. In 2012, 2014 and even up until 2018, the Olympics were the headline event for weeks at a time, dominating the 24-hour news

cycle. Unfortunately, the Olympics are not the money-making headliner they used to be. Over the past few years, it has become increasingly profitable to fuel both ideological and political fires, drawing more and more young people into the space with every article and news story. It is nearly impossible to turn on the TV or open a major newspaper without seeing several articles based on COVID-19, the right-left divide in U.S. politics or just other generally divisive and upsetting news meant to generate an emotional response.

The Olympics do not generate the same emotional responses that these articles pushed by major media outlets do. In the grand scheme of things, these sports are recreational and fun, meant to highlight the hard work and dedication of various athletes competing for the glory and pride of their country. What needs to be realized is that this is fundamentally acceptable, and should actually be encouraged. There is no harm in enjoying things that are meant to be enjoyed. There are certainly serious problems in the United States and abroad that need to be addressed, but the hyper fixation on these problems is not solving them; indeed, they only lead to greater and greater dissent both with our peers, neighbors and colleagues.

Understanding how discourse shapes our enjoyment and understanding of things has become an incredibly important topic of modern political conversation, and I feel it is appropriate to be applied in this case too. Social justice and respect should prevail in all spaces; however, combative attitudes have also begun to dominate all spaces, an unhealthy symptom of a generation manipulated by media as well as those with an interest in inciting conflict. The COVID pandemic has been a miserable experience for many, robbing young people of some of the most enjoyable and foundational years of their budding adult lives, but it is not a reason to succumb to new social pressures. The pandemic and its lasting effects should not strip our lives from what had been some of our enjoyments for a long time. It is a decision to reclaim those enjoyments that will be the way forward for the next generation of young adults.

Trevor Gulock
Senior Writer

Spotify has had a problematic start to 2022. With controversial content — such as podcasts and other media — consistently uploaded to the platform, celebrities are removing their consent in an effort to support censorship on Spotify. In January Joe Rogan, star of Spotify's most popular podcast, "The Joe Rogan Experience," spread misinformation interwoven with conspiracy theories. Celebrities in the exodus from the app include Neil Young and Joni Mitchell; both cited as a principal motivation Spotify's role in spreading misinformation. The loss of the content of these two best-selling artists, including hit singles such as "Big Yellow Taxi" and "Heart of Gold," resulted in losses of hundreds of millions of streams on Spotify. While the platform no doubt still holds a multitude of other popular artists, the possibility of other artists following suit could seriously tarnish Spotify's brand name. Spotify has already received heat for its perceived undercompensation of artists hosting their music; major artist Taylor Swift was the most visible of these scuffles, taking her music off the platform in 2014 with the note that "valuable

things should be paid for." While it is understandable that a company that has pioneered the era of digital streaming will make mistakes, the issue at hand highlights America's current vision of censorship.

It is without dispute that many of Joe Rogan's claims were inconsistent with the severity and current understanding of COVID-19, and his claims had little to no evidentiary backing. The New York Times illustrates the formal uproar to Rogan's claims as "Hundreds of scientists, professors and public health experts... wrote in a public letter that the program promoted 'several falsehoods about COVID-19 vaccines.'" These groups, consequently, requested that Spotify formally implement a policy to moderate misinformation on its platform. Beyond just the danger of spreading misinformation, some of Rogan's claims were downright offensive, declaring COVID-19 regulations similar to that of the Holocaust. Nonetheless, his comments struck a chord with hit singer Neil Young causing him to remove his music, only to be quickly followed by Joni Mitchell. Since the beginning of 2022, Spotify's stock has consequently lost more than a quarter of its value.

Back in 2018, however, Spotify

was actually caught on the other side of the censorship issue. After Spotify's newly-inaugurated "Hate Content & Hateful Conduct" policy resulted in the removal of artists like R. Kelly and XXXTentacion, many harshly criticized Spotify's decision. Both artists were involved in cases of domestic violence and sexual abuse, but fans protested that their cases were not finalized before their deaths and raised one question — who was Spotify to determine these artists' legacies?

As the world's most popular music streaming platform, Spotify holds significant weight and leverage in deciding what music is available to its millions of users. Despite this, Spotify has consistently missed the mark in choosing which content will be made accessible. In order to better define this ethical gray area of what music and podcasts are deemed acceptable for popular use, Spotify will have to respond effectively to the demands of its own consumers. While today Spotify might be the world's most popular music app, Apple Music is not far behind. If Spotify can't solve the issue of music availability and censorship, it may lose that top spot in the industry.

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CHASING CHILDHOOD

February 28, 2022

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A Brief Q&A with Education majors will follow.

The film explores how children's playtime has become the norm in many communities across the United States and how we've lost the ability to let our kids explore and discover on their own. The film features leaders of this movement, including former Stanford Dean and author of How to Raise a Girl, Julia L. L. Johnson, and author of The Power of Play, David Gray, and others.

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7 p.m., Gallery Theater

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With humor and heart, director Debbie Lum takes us to the heart of the American college application process and the nervous mix of class, race, and education opportunity as experienced by high school seniors living through it. Try Harder! is a portrait of young adults in the most diverse American generation ever as they navigate a quagmire of the college passage and make it their own.



Following the screening, we will be joined by director Debbie Lum, Impact Producer An Kyun Ho and one of the students featured in the film.

Postpone Your Rights

Haley Beardsley
Opinions Co-Editor

A recent eruption of debate over the so-called "Chicago Principles" at the University has encouraged both strong opinions and dismissive eye-rolling. An affirmation of the principles has re-emerged on the docket for faculty meetings this semester, with a vote against adoption concluding only a few weeks ago.

The guiding principles were originally adopted by the University of Chicago in 2015 following a report made by the Committee on Freedom of Expression. The report was in response to students at various universities attempting to prevent controversial commencement speakers. The principles are an ostensibly noble aim to protect freedom of expression on college campuses. They have thus far been adopted by 80 universities across the United States, including American University, Columbia, Georgetown and Gettysburg College.

A group of faculty proposed the University's incorporation of the principles for a faculty vote in 2017. The motion was formally tabled, partly because various faculty members expressed interest in hearing what Professors Robert George and Cornel West had to say about the subject at a talk later in the semester. The two professors are diametrically opposed ideologically, engaging in conversations that are meant to embody the healthy, civil discourse the Chicago Principles supposedly intend to encourage.

The principles resurfaced this semester contemporaneously with a Zoom webinar on freedom of expression at the University — "Free Expression: Ray Bucknell" — held on Tuesday Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. and featuring George and West. The motion was up for contention on Feb. 1 during the monthly faculty meeting with Professors Paul Siewers (English — Literary Studies), Chris Ellis (Political Science), Peter Jansson (Electrical Engineering), Joe Murray (Education), and Janice Traflet (Accounting and Financial Management) as its co-sponsors.

Professors have generally remained in line with the general Chicago Principles at the University, but with some alleged transgressions. A few sections deserve individual treatment and scrutiny. Firstly—

"The University should fully respect and support the freedom of all members of the University community to discuss any problem that presents itself [and] it should not be the proper role of the University to attempt to shield individuals from ideas and opinions they find unwelcome, disagreeable, or even deeply offensive."

Note that the professors who support the passing of the motion are those that have frequently also supported BPALC speakers. These have consistently proven the most controversial events at the University, notably those of Heather Mac Donald

(2019) and Jordan Peterson (2021). The program has been supported by the Open Discourse Coalition (ODC), which has supplied financial backing to BPALC events after the University stopped funding it in 2019. The University still allows ODC to rent the spaces for BPALC speakers, limiting the extent to which cessation of funding affected its programming.

Thus the University has made no notable attempt to "shield individuals from ideas and opinions" at all; indeed, every speaker scheduled by BPALC has been allowed to come to campus. The need to accept these Principles formally seems a bizarre and unnecessary triviality.

This appeared to be the general faculty perspective as well. The motion was tabled at the Feb. 1 meeting simply because there was limited time, but an additional meeting held this past Tuesday saw it "postpone[d] indefinitely." Instead of further tabling the motion, it was deemed by the majority of the faculty to have been unsuitable in the first place, and cannot be brought to the floor again in its current state. In other words, the majority of faculty thought the proposed Principles were useless in their current state, and would not change the way in which the University addresses "unwelcome, disagreeable, or even deeply offensive" perspectives.

In the face of Principles appearing pointless, what was the purpose of its introduction in the first place? One provision is quite illuminating:

"Although members of the University community should be free to criticize and contest the views expressed on campus [...] they should not obstruct or otherwise interfere with the freedom of others to express views they reject or even loathe."

No clarity is provided on how to interpret the vague standard of "obstruction" or "interference," and the limits placed on how "members of the University community" can express opposition could easily be used to infringe on freedom of expression — which the motion claims to defend. When Heather Mac Donald arrived on campus, students protested outside Bucknell Hall, lining the sidewalks with signage (and potentially triggering the nebulous "obstruction" category forbidden by the Principles).

The re-emergence of the Principles at the University thus serves as, basically, a façade to limit student demonstration in protest to views that they oppose, disagree with or justly find deeply offensive. None of its other provisions are meaningfully transgressed by the University. Supposedly "in accord with university values expressed in the Bucknell mission statement: to support different cultures and diverse perspectives" through their mission to "support the freedom of all members of the University community to discuss any problem that presents itself," the motion functionally restricts the very act of free assembly.

Truckers can't be choosers

Anthony Lopez
Investigative News Editor

Since late January, Canada has been fraught with obstructive protests from truckers, enraged at the onset of "vaccine mandates" intended to curb the spread of COVID-19. Originating in Ottawa, the so-called "Freedom Convoy" has expanded greatly to other provinces such as Ontario and Alberta; each protect "forcing" truckers entering Canada from the United States to be fully vaccinated. Though initially brushed aside by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau as little more than a "fringe minority" of disgruntled citizens, the protests have persisted now for three consecutive weeks.

The consequences of such widespread protest have been palpable. After a week of protesting on the Ambassador Bridge — which connects Detroit with its international cousin Windsor, Ontario — the automotive industry suffered losses of more than a quarter of a billion dollars. Sustained blockades have resulted in slowdowns, shortages, and the complete shutdown of a Ford plant. Two border crossings between Canada and the United States have ground to a complete halt, and the overall economic fallout from these trade disruptions has reportedly reached a daily total of \$300 million. The protests have not merely taken the form of blockades along critical roads, but have now extended to the harassment of citizens and the forcible closure of numerous businesses.

Three weeks since the Canadian truckers rallied together against safety measures — and for the first time in half a century — Canada announced a national emergency, following Ontario's province-level declaration in response to the prevailing protests. Trudeau noted that the declaration was "about keeping Canadians safe, protecting people's jobs and restoring confidence in our institutions."

It is not difficult to imagine the tactics which the protesting truckers used to maintain this near-month of momentum. Though a strong majority of Canadians have expressed opposition to the protests, the disgruntled citizens have found international support from right-wing media outlets such as Fox News. Such outlets have generated a deluge of coverage, painting the blockades as necessary moves towards achieving the freedoms that have, seemingly, been forgotten by the Canadian government. Elon Musk — a billionaire bastion for paradoxically advancing both fresh technologies and stale

opinions — as well as former U.S. President Donald Trump, were among the most notable Americans to announce support for the ongoing demonstrations.

The protests have also been assisted by a persistent wave of funds from sympathetic donors. Though the crowdfunding website GoFundMe notified donors it would freeze donations to the cause, passionate onlookers have instead supported the protests through Christian crowdfunding website GiveSendGo. The platform promised to defy a Canadian court order to halt the distribution of funds to protestors. Over \$8.7 million had been raised on the site, in addition to the \$8 million frozen on GoFundMe. Despite the protests primarily presiding within Canada, Republican U.S. lawmakers and attorney generals have sworn to investigate this freezing of funds.

It seems a futile effort to discuss and deliberate over the implementation of vaccine mandates, almost two years into a pandemic that has taken nearly six million lives globally. There will be little that could be written over the course of a thousand words that may sway any reader in support or in defiance of mandates that, at their core, serve to benefit the population. The qualms with requiring vaccines could, of course, be similarly extended to an obligation to put on a seat-belt when riding in a vehicle or to not yell "fire" within a crowded theater — given the potential to incite a harmful panic. Of course, not all federal impositions can be accepted as ones that are "for the good of the people," just as vaccine mandates cannot be condemned solely by virtue of them restricting some of our actions as citizens and human beings.

We could discuss all of that, but it would be meaningless. It is doubtful that any words could be exchanged with the protesting truckers, or any of those sympathetic to such a cause, in an effort to assuage their concerns. Agitative demonstrations such as these, whether one may believe in their motivations or not, are ultimately only resolved by how their movement draws public sympathy.

And whether directly or otherwise, the protesters may now delude themselves into believing that the fruits of their labor have paid off. Ontario is set to lift its mandate that people show proof of vaccination to enter public spaces on March 1; Premier Doug Ford declared that such a move was solely because it was deemed "safe to do so" rather than as a response to ongoing protests. Just this week, Alberta also ended its

mask requirements for school children.

At face value, the very act of protesting can be a noble one: a call to raise awareness to prevailing concerns from an unsatisfied sect of the populace in an effort to inspire change. But just as one can determine for themselves what they perceive to be necessary or immoral mandates, one can also find some protests justified and others as little more than a pointless, potentially debilitating, demonstration. The right to protest should rest within all persons, but one could never demand another to support its cause.

Though the protests originally began as a rally against vaccine and mask mandates, the purpose has quickly expanded, comprising many woes stemming from far-right ideologies. Though some may argue that the far-right movement is significantly weaker in Canada than what might be found in the United States, the reality is that many of the demonstrations were littered with Nazi symbols and Confederate flags. A rise of far-right protests in Canada, one that is widely broadcast internationally and touted by conservative outlets as an increasingly popular movement, may serve as a method for radical extremist beliefs to be easily spread. Even if the demonstrations may ultimately amount to nothing, the motivations that incited such lengthy protests can linger long after the truckers resume their routes.



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MARIJUANA ON CAMPUS?

MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE ON CAMPUS

MORGAN LEVY '25, CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Picture this: A doctor issues you a prescription to aid a medical condition that you suffer from. You use this prescription daily or perhaps only when needed. It gives you the ability to engage in your daily responsibilities and activities without interference from this illness. You are also a college student who lives on campus. What if you found out that your university strictly prohibits the use of the medication you are prescribed? Furthermore, you could get into behavioral trouble, possibly resulting in a conductive meeting if caught using this medication? One would regard this interference as rather unfair, right? Doesn't it seem quite invasive for a university to deprive you of a medication that is essential for your ability to thrive not only as a human but as a student?

Most people are in consensus that this interference is preposterous, however, that viewpoint begins to change when we identify and detail the prescription in this scenario. The prescription we are talking about is medical marijuana. Richard Chang eloquently describes this prohibition in his *Forbes* article, "Colleges Ban Medical Marijuana Use, Even In States Where It Is Legal." Chang asserts that although 36 out of the 50 states in our nation allow those over the age of 21 to possess and use medical marijuana legally, the majority of universities still have implemented a ban on

students from using cannabis products for medical purposes during their academic career.

Despite marijuana state legality, all universities still adhere to the no cannabis policies. Why is this? One reason colleges cling to this status-quo policy is because of government funding. In 1989, amendments to the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act caused schools to ban all substances. Furthermore, as a consequence of not doing so, the universities are at the risk of the government pulling the federal funding they have allocated towards a university. Obviously, universities must instill rules against illegal substances. However, where do we draw the line when it comes to substances that are legal for medical cardholders to have?

I cannot help but blame the stigma surrounding cannabis use for this interference. Weed has an extreme recreational reputation, thus, those adhering to more traditional standards have a hard time accepting the medical proponents of the drug. It is understandable for universities to ban the recreational use of substances on campus, but the ban becomes an infringement on students when marijuana is part of their medical treatment. This is not to say that regulations cannot be in place for the use of medical marijuana on campus. For example, if a medical marijuana cardholder predominately smokes their

medication, the campus can make a statute that all smoking must take place in an outdoor space.

On page 54 of the student handbook, the administration states the following: "The use of hookah devices, synthetics (e.g. Spice, K2) and marijuana on campus or at University events are strictly prohibited." The University is a notorious institution for trailblazing, especially in the last two years following the institution's approach to continuing on-campus learning during the pandemic. As *Bison*, we explore ideas and policies that have yet to be encountered by other institutions. If the University were to amend this handbook rule to permit medical marijuana cardholders to use their medication, this would be a monumental action that other universities would be likely to implement.

Medical marijuana and colleges is a subject that is often ignored due to their unknown nature. But isn't a crucial aspect of being a *Bison* is facing the fear of the unknown dead in the eye? I call on University administrators to abandon their predispositions on cannabis as a whole and readdress campus marijuana policies to account for students who are medical cardholders. The policies currently in place are a threat to students who use marijuana as a core treatment in their medical plans.

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Hundreds gather to protest allegations against Public Safety

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Roughly 300 University students walked out of class on Monday afternoon to protest the former chief of Public Safety Stephen Barilar's alleged cover-up of a case of sexual violence.

Jillie Santos '22, one of the speakers at the demonstration, said students were there to make themselves heard after allegations arose that Barilar assisted in the destruction of evidence in 2021. The case in question regards a female student reporting that a male student had sexually harassed her in a restroom using a cellphone.

Santos also referred to the lawsuit against the University by former public safety officer Colby M. Snook. In his suit, he said that he resigned from his

position after facing retaliation from other employees for filing a report on Barilar's alleged evidence destruction.

"These allegations are to multiple levels of institutional injustice, which make it impossible for students to feel safe on this campus, or feel like there would be accountability if something were to happen to them," Santos stated.

"This event has only compounded and deepened distrust in public safety and the administration," she continued, "We are here because we demand to be seen by this university. We demand accountability and transparency. We want the administration to respond, and for public safety to work with students."

During her speech, Santos voiced multiple other demands for the University's administration and Public Safety from the

collective student body.

She first demanded that a statement be given, addressing the allegations against Barilar by denouncing the alleged conduct and showing support for victims.

Next, she demanded that the University respond to a letter

"We are here because we demand to be seen by this university."

by the Coalition of Concerned Students, that was sent two years ago, in regards to the "mistreatment of the black community at Bucknell by public safety" by providing an

action plan for change.

She also called for more collaboration and communication between Public Safety and the student body through a Public Safety Advisory Committee made up of student leaders. Santos said this committee will have oversight and control over policy and conduct at the department.

Finally, Santos demanded that students have access to body camera footage and internal recordings in cases of internal disciplinary action, in hopes of creating a greater sense of internal transparency.

The University issued the following statements after the rally:

"Bucknell University values and seeks to protect the free and open exchange of ideas on our campus. The safety and well-being of our students is also the University's top priority

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"Work with us": A conversation with new Public Safety chief Anthony Morgan

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On Jan. 7, the University announced that a new Chief of Public Safety would soon fill the shoes of Steve Barilar, who served in the role for over a decade. Moving from his previous role at California's Humboldt State University, 19-year police veteran Anthony Morgan couldn't have foreseen the groundswell of conversation and protest around Public Safety in the weeks that followed that announcement.

The Bucknellian spoke with Morgan earlier this week to discuss his reaction to the protests, plans for the University, and hopes to build community. He was joined by the University's

Director of Media Relations Mike Ferlazzo.

When asked what brought him to the University, Morgan said that in his previous role, "I truly enjoyed working with students and working with students to kind of co-create safe spaces." He saw the University position as a great opportunity to continue that.

The University says they began searching for a new Chief of Public Safety in 2021, before former Chief Steve Barilar publicly announced his retirement.

Morgan added that, at the University, "There was a long serving police official — generally, I've come in after different events have kind of happened — and this was going to be a different experience for me." Speaking of those "different events," he was likely

referencing publicized controversies at his two departments prior to Humboldt State: namely his positions as Chief of Police in Mount Rainier, Md. for two years and Covington, Va. for one.

Prior to Morgan's tenure at Mount Rainier, a city official publicly claimed that she was fired after reporting a sexual assault by a police officer. Morgan reported in late 2019 that significant changes in the department in the time since the alleged assaults occurred between 2014 and 2016.

In Covington, Morgan left the department in early 2019, shortly after the public became aware of a video depicting the city manager feuding with a neighbor. Morgan cited family

STORY CONTINUES ON A3

Greek life members attend sexual violence speaker event

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On Sunday, Feb. 20, Associate Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life at University of North Carolina Charlotte Bonnie Shade came to host an on-campus discussion for students in Greek Life centered around ending sexual violence on college campuses.

The event was a mandatory event for all members of active Greek life chapters at the University.

Attendance for the event was strong, with the 1,200 seat venue being largely filled. The discussion began with a welcoming introduction from Shade, in which she addressed all students and explained her mission.

She explained that her goal was to lead a meaningful and relevant discussion about the reality of sexual violence on college campuses, supplementing with how Greek life can be central to such an issue.

Over the course of the discussion, Shade gave a powerful personal testimony as well as a broad overview of statistics regarding campus sexual violence. Statistics such as the fact that one in five college aged women have experienced sexual violence, as well as that women of color and members of the LGBTQ+ community are over four times more likely to experience sexual violence were particularly prominent, and truly amplified the impact that this issue has on every college student.

Shade continued on to deconstruct what sexual violence "should" look like, and many

other common misconceptions about the issue that are important to raise awareness in everyday life.

Applicability was a large takeaway for Shade, as she stated that the conversation around sexual violence is not about warning signs or changing behaviors, but an ethical conversation to have about how individual actions affect others.

Shade was asked specifically about how her work applied to Greek life and her motivation for talking to the Greek life chapters at the University. "I think Greek life is a place where people can come learn and engage... I think fraternities and sororities that don't have room for the conversation (regarding sexual violence) are failing at making men better men and women better women," Shade said.

This commitment to "bettering" oneself was key to Shade's takeaways from the event, as in the closing minutes she discussed the University's conduct policy specifically as well as how to be a supporter for oneself or for others around them.

"When we have events like Bonnie Shade's, I'm confident in saying a large majority of us probably know the right answers/responses and we all are pretty well-versed on consent, forms of sexual violence, etc. (thanks to Speak Up and other resources) but it's less prevalent to prioritize and practice these conversations/discourses in our everyday life, which I believe is equally, if not more, important," Katelynne Schmidt '22 said.



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Edward Snowden talks of grim reality in campus “visit”

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On Tuesday night, the Bucknell Program for American Leadership hosted a virtual discussion with Edward Snowden, a former computer intelligence contractor most famous for leaking highly classified information from the National Security Agency in 2013 that revealed a secret and sprawling information-gathering program.

Students and the general public were invited to ask Snowden questions following a brief presentation that he conducted. Along with the roughly 100 participants via Zoom, there was also a large in-person crowd that viewed the discussion in Trout Auditorium.

His presentation, titled “Is ‘1984’ Now? A Discussion on Digital Surveillance Culture,” highlighted the many ways that governments and private organizations use technology to keep track of the general public’s whereabouts.

“This surveillance isn’t about safety. Surveillance is about control. It’s about power. It’s about being able to observe the situation away from your eyes, rather, multiply your eyes to expand your gaze to a greater domain, and most often an unequal domain,” Snowden said.

Snowden said that the increase in technology surveillance should have been a choice from the people, not made in secret by governments.

“Members of Congress themselves have complained that when they were passing laws, they did not understand how these laws were being interpreted by these agencies, how they’re going to change our world,” Snowden said.

The U.S. government has sought prosecution against Snowden under the 1917 Espionage Act for his actions. He has maintained permanent resident status in Moscow since 2013

after his passport was revoked during a flight layover while on his way to Latin America.

Snowden is currently the president of Freedom of the Press Foundation, a non-profit organization that seeks to support free speech.

While many members of the audience seemed to support Snowden, asking questions on how to avoid this type of surveillance and his hope for the future, not all of them were as supportive.

Matt Gabler ’06, a former military officer, questioned Snowden’s asylum in Russia and the security dangers that might have arisen from his releasing of classified information.

In response, Snowden said, “I get this all the time,” following a laugh.

He said that it was not his intention to end up in Russia, and pointed out that it was during a flight layover that he became stuck in the country. Snowden even speculated that it could have been an intentional move by the U.S. government to stop him in Russia in an attempt to discredit him.

He also cited reports from the New York Times and The Guardian to say that there is no evidence to show his leaked information ever caused any direct harm to anyone.

Snowden also took the opportunity to explain why he never went to trial for his crimes.

“The whistleblower protection acts that were in place at the time did not protect contractors. Had I been an employee of the government still, had I been still a sworn officer of the CIA, I could have gone to Congress and hoped for the best,” Snowden said.

Despite the criticism and controversy surrounding Snowden, many audience members did enjoy the presentation.

Max Wechsler ’23 first heard about Snowden in 2013. He enjoyed Snowden’s conversation

on the Joe Rogan Podcast in 2019 so much that he purchased his newly released book at the time.

“I am very happy I attended this talk. It was eye-opening on the topic of cyber security and privacy, and I learned a lot. I was particularly interested in his description of the way corporations can track your movements and actions even when you think they are unable to,” Wechsler said.

“The military officer represented the doubts of Snowden’s actions with his question about exposing national security secrets and taking his findings to media outlets instead of proper legal channels. I thought Snowden offered a clear and valid explanation that exposed the issues with holding the government accountable for unlawful actions. Snowden offered a much deeper explanation of this in his book, but it was promising to see him stand by his actions and maintain consistency almost a decade after coming forward.”

Other students agreed.

“I thought his talk was very informative both from a technical and a moral standpoint,” Ashlyn Ramos ’22 said. “Hearing him go a little more in-depth about how the government and other companies treat surveillance was interesting and hearing him explain his opinions on legality versus morality was fascinating. I also appreciated the Q&A section because students posed questions that I would not have thought of and we got to hear more outside of the speech he is likely accustomed to giving.”

Snowden closed the discussion with how he believes a change can be made.

“The system as it exists today survives only because we go along with it. When we withhold our participation, when we recognize that we did not agree to this... that’s when things will change,” he said.

Biden to announce first black female Supreme Court Justice

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A few weeks ago, Justice Stephen G. Breyer announced that he would be retiring from the Supreme Court. His retirement gives President Joe Biden the opportunity to nominate a Supreme Court Justice.

Biden has made the commitment to nominate a black woman to the highest court in the United States.

The Supreme Court of the United States functions as the decision maker as to which laws are constitutional and which laws are not. The court is composed of nine justices, who, once elected, serve until they die or retire.

The Supreme Court is supposed to be free of the partisan politics that dominate the legislative and executive branches, but this is not necessarily the case. In recent years, the bench has become more and more political. Currently, the bench leans conservatively, following former President Donald Trump’s three Supreme Court nominations.

The Biden administration has been fairly quiet in terms of releasing information about potential nominees for the open seat, but observers in Washington have placed D.C. Circuit Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson, California Supreme Court Justice Leandra Kruger, and South Carolina US District Court Judge J. Michelle Childs on the short list for potential nominees. All of these potential nominees have extremely impressive careers, but whoever receives the nomination will likely face a lot of push back, specifically from Conservatives.

“I think it’s going to be really ugly,” political science professor Vivien Leung said. “And not just racially but also in regard to gender. We’re already seeing a lot of grumbling about the nomination and accusations of identity politics. We saw some extremely racist and sexist rhetorics come out about Michele Obama after her husband announced his

campaign for presidency, and if past instances of black women in American politics tell us anything, this nomination is likely to be fairly nasty.”

Biden said he would announce his nomination by the end of February, so the public should know the nominee soon, however the question of when the confirmation hearing will happen remains up in the air.

The Democrats are poised to suffer losses in this year’s midterm elections so the confirmation hearing will likely be before then, while the Democrats still have their razor thin majority.

“It could be in a few weeks, it could [be] over the summer, or Biden might try to squeeze it in right before the midterms. The timing will definitely be important,” Dr. Leung said. “I also think it will be interesting to see how the confirmation process goes. If the senate votes entirely on party lines, as a lot of people are expecting, Kamala Harris will have to break the tie, which has never happened before with a Supreme Court nomination. The confirmation process will definitely be interesting and also indicative of the highly polarized nature of the American political system.”

“The previous president appointed three justices to the Supreme Court, so choosing who will join them certainly needs to be done carefully and deliberately,” Gracie Hauer ’24 said. “Biden has the opportunity to make a notable change in the way that the Supreme Court is leaning, ideally, to bring the Supreme Court back towards the center.”

Hauer said she would like to see Biden select a more liberal-leaning judge to balance the current conservative state.

“A liberal-leaning black woman would be a welcome change in both politics as well as much needed representation in the Justice System,” she said.

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Public Safety Chief Anthony Morgan

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matters for his resignation, and the city manager said that "An opportunity presented itself and he has to make decisions that are in the best interest of his family."

Morgan told us that his philosophy working through such controversies is listening.

"It's not telling individuals right off the bat what you're going to do," he said, but instead "it's listening to what they need."

And some of the key questions to ask, Morgan said, are, "What does the community want to see from their department? What barriers exist that can be quickly taken away?"

Morgan also briefly reflected on his experience as an officer in Kalamazoo, Mich. for fifteen years. In 2010, Morgan got into a scuffle with a 21-year-old man — who had three outstanding arrest warrants — during a traffic stop. Morgan testified that bricks were thrown at his police cruiser, and that a bystander yelled "kill him," referring to Morgan.

Morgan explained that humbling moments like the 2010 incident helped him contextualize his role as a public servant. Re-emphasizing the importance of listening, he added, "I certainly think I started with 'Here's what I think the community needs for policing.' And it was a change, to actually 'Here, the community needs to tell me what they need.'"

"And so events like that were a transformative process for me."

After working in local law enforcement for the first 18 years of his career, Morgan then pivoted to university policing.

During his time at Humboldt State, in an article by their student newspaper the Lumberjack, Morgan stated that his goals included "implementing 21st-century policing, pillars within the foundation of the organization, improving technology within the organization."

Some of his strategies for doing so included getting Mobile Data Terminals in the cars, increasing access to telemedicine and telemental health services and having training that focused equally on soft skills such as communication and de-escalation and harder skills such as firearm use. Key parts of that training were working with the Rape Crisis Center and going through Clery training, which deals with the Clery Act — a federal statute requiring universities to maintain and disclose campus crime statistics and security information.

On top of that, Morgan also served as an ex officio member of the Campus Safety and Police Committee, an advisory committee made up of students, faculty, and staff to "discuss issues that impact the safety and quality of life of students, faculty, staff and visitors."

Morgan stated that he has received emails from students expressing interest in a similar group here at the University. The question for Morgan is "what's the right format? How many is too many? How do we have something that's inclusive of everyone? ... And I'm still trying to learn the environment to figure out what the best method is to kind of go about that."

Morgan, however, does see this type of committee as one way of providing the inside-out approach to making changes to institutions. One of Morgan's goals as a Chief of Police for college students is to build relationships with students and show that policing can be a "noble profession" — or at least give them a better understanding of what the profession is.

"The reality of it is, if we're not recruiting folks from college campuses, who bring with them all the diverse experiences that come with being a student, we're going to struggle to fill our ranks and roles," Morgan said.

Morgan himself was recruited for Kalamazoo from North Carolina Central University, where he earned a degree in Criminal Justice. Morgan noted that as a college student, he sought to make systemic change; for himself, joining the department was the best way to begin making the changes he wanted to see.

"The reality of life, I would tell a younger version of myself, is

you can make [change] from the inside out a lot more effectively than you can make it from the outside in," Morgan said, adding that "a lot of the things that students want as far as free communication and relationship, you can join a department, and make some of those things happen at an individual level."

Though he left early, Morgan was in attendance for part of the student walkout on Feb. 21. The walkout was organized, in part, to protest Public Safety's handling of a student conduct case alleged by former officer Colby Snook in a lawsuit against the University. The lawsuit alleged that the former Chief, Steve Barilar, permitted a male student to destroy evidence related to that case; the student was accused of using their cell phone to invade a female student's privacy.

When asked his initial thoughts on the protest, Morgan began by noting that activism is extremely relevant on college campuses. He sees it as students creating an opportunity to make a statement.

"I don't see protests as a bad thing. I do believe survivors or others who've had their lived experiences need to be heard. I'm not here to invalidate anyone's truth," Morgan said.

But, Morgan made it clear that in terms of making productive action out of these protests, there needs to be compromise and small group conversation.

Student speakers at the protest argued that Morgan initially accepted but later rescinded an invitation to the second Creating Safe Publics Forum, which was publicly billed to promote "community dialogue, collective processing," and "direct action." Ferlazzo stated that when Morgan was informed of the event, there was a "mischaracterization" of what he was agreeing to and that it was not clear that the event was part of a "protest forum." Morgan said that he believes that students need an opportunity to voice themselves, but that there are certain venues in which Public Safety should and should not be involved.

When Morgan considered the protests against Public Safety from his role as their chief, he said that "if the question is 'how did that make me feel,' I knew we had work to do, and it confirmed it, right. It confirmed everything— It confirmed we have some work to do to build relationships."

Since beginning his term at the University at the beginning of the month, Morgan said that he has had many meetings with students one-on-one, some of which have primarily consisted of "I just want to tell you my truth and get it out," according to Morgan. While he "[wants] to hear that," Morgan says that in order to be productive, there needs to be more to the conversation, one example being bringing a list of demands and working from there.

"I believe in meeting people in the middle, and a part of it is, I always say this: [if] I have to come part of the way, I need others to come part of the way, right. It's never gonna work if I go 50, and the other side stays at zero, well, you don't go anywhere. And so my hope is, at some point, we'll move forward and be able to kind of meet in the middle."

Morgan has plans to help build trust and open lines of communication among different University groups. Ferlazzo emphasized that these plans are preliminary, as Morgan had served just three weeks as Chief at the time of our interview.

The first thing Morgan mentioned was body cameras for officers. "In 2022, and this is my philosophy... body cameras only enhance trust and transparency and relationship building," Morgan emphasized their importance to help clear up discrepancies between what officers and students may report.

He also mentioned the possibility of an unarmed civilian position taking up some responsibilities in the Public Safety department, similar to the aim of a student movement at Humboldt State.

Morgan said of a civilian position, "We're looking at, does that

make sense here for some of the calls that we're responding to, that maybe someone other than [officers] can handle, and what does that look like? So that work is started; it's not done."

He additionally touched on the app Guardian Score, an anonymous service for students to report the conduct of Public Safety officers after any interaction they may have, which he hopes to implement.

"It's built on the pillars of procedural justice," Morgan said: "How were you treated? How was the officer's reaction? And we're going to capture that data so we can kind of see for ourselves, 'What are we doing well, what aren't we doing well?' kind of from a data perspective."

Moving away from discussions of policy, he also focused on meeting frequently with students and hearing their concerns. One thing students repeatedly told him is that "we want to know some of the officers by name. We knew the chief, we saw the chief, but we really want to see the officers out there as well."

Morgan emphasized, though, that he would want to structure those conversations to be student-focused. Meeting other Public Safety officers will involve "asking the students 'what does that look like to make you feel comfortable?' because it's going to differ from person to person."

He also stated that he wants officers to enter student spaces prioritizing the comfort level of students, not officers, especially when working with historically marginalized groups. "I went to an event Monday night with the men of color, just to start to meet and interact with students there. I plan to come into other spaces," Morgan said, "but I want to be invited, and I don't want to just force my way in, and then a bunch of folks feel uncomfortable, like, 'What are you guys doing here? This isn't we talked about.'"

On March 3, Morgan will host the first in a series of "Community Conversations," with a 30-minute Q&A session following. Ferlazzo told PennLive that at the forum "all will be welcome to attend, ask questions and offer feedback."

Morgan is the University's first Black Chief of Public Safety, as he was at Humboldt State, Mount Rainier and Covington. On how that precedent informed his work, he paused and spoke deliberately.

"I often recognize that in these moments, I am very fortunate and grateful for the opportunity, because I understand that there were folks who planted seeds a very long time ago, that they didn't know what that tree was gonna— they had no idea of me, that I was going to step into these roles, but they did. So, I'm always mindful of that and very, very grateful," Morgan said.

He also reflected upon creating a police force representative not only of the goals and values of the community but also their identities. "I want to make sure that I am creating opportunities for everyone to see themselves in the department, have a place, have a role, and kind of try to create a department culture and atmosphere that is inclusive of different thoughts, different ideas, different ethnicities, different gender identities," Morgan said. "So that level of understanding is important."

When the Bucknellian interviewed Morgan's predecessor on his entrance to Bucknell Public Safety, he was asked "What is some important advice you would like to give University students?" We asked Morgan the same question.

"I would say this, right now, because I know there's a lot going on, and it can be difficult to ask for [grace] and patience when there's a lot going on. I fully recognize that, but I'm still going to anyway. It's just [to] ask students to work with us. And, please make time to communicate directly with us, if that makes sense," Morgan said.

"I really want them to get to know the team that works here. I think that's going to really break down some barriers and, I think, help both ways."

Public Safety protest

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and this will continue to be our ongoing focus."

"The University is aware of what was said at today's student event. As previously planned, new Chief Anthony Morgan will present his plans for Public Safety engagement with the campus community later this semester in a public event where all will be welcome to attend, ask questions and offer feedback."

Jasmine Minhas '22, Vice President of the Democratic Socialist Club and one of the organizers of the demonstration, said that she believes the University will not directly address the Barilar allegations because "[administrators] are more interested in protecting the institution than students."

"I hope that the University starts to center our concerns and acts with that at the base of their operations rather than just kind of keeping things hush hush and like covering up corruption and perpetuating systems that perpetuate harm for students," Minhas said.

Sage Lamade '22 also spoke at the demonstration, encouraging students to fight for a campus community they deserve and asking Public Safety as well as the administration to "do their jobs," with the power and authority granted to them, in order creating said community.

Many of the demonstrators expressed that since the Fran's House incident last May—where former members of the banned fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) attempted to violently break into the University's LGBTQ+ Affinity House—there has been a growing distrust between students and public safety.

Nabeel Jan '23 shared that he lived across the street from Fran's House when the event happened.

"It was sort of like shocking how little they were willing to do because it's a pretty unified issue that if someone's, like, breaking into a house, public safety should stop them from breaking into the house," Jan said.

He also said that seeing the officers shake the students' hands and reminisce about their college days was "sickening to see," in reference to the allegations that public safety officers told the former fraternity members that they would escort them

through the house once other students moved off campus after graduation.

Jan sees these latest allegations against public safety as a continuation of officers and administrators misusing their power, making him want to join the demonstration.

Out of the hundreds of students present at the demonstration, it seemed that there was a near-unanimous consensus that the student body wants the University to address the concerns brought about at the rally.

"We want to protect survivors at the school, we want to honor them and hear their stories and we want this to be a safe place at Bucknell."

"We want to protect survivors and at the school, we want to honor them and hear their stories and we want this to be a safe place at Bucknell," Carly Krsul '23 said.

"If nobody says anything, then there's an abuse of power that continues forever. I mean, [the accusations] had to have come from somewhere. I don't know if I believe exactly what is being said, like the whole narrative, but at the end of the day [that student] did do those things, and they weren't held accountable. And that's a problem," Eva Crisafulli '24 said.

Crisafulli said she hopes that the University recognizes that something happened and takes the necessary actions to guarantee that it never happens again.

At the end of the rally, organizers of the protest handed out chalk to participants and Santos called for them to express their opinions and concerns by writing them on the walkways across campus.

As dozens of students took to walkways around the quad to write their concerns, Santos led the group in a final chant.

"Silence is violence. Silence is violence. Silence is violence."

Resident Advisors honored in eponymous week

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This past week was RA Appreciation Week. Resident Advisors are responsible for the oversight of an assigned hall or building. In the role, they are meant to ensure that their residents follow University guidelines and to create a welcoming environment for students.

Autumn Brown, the Community Director of Roberts, Trax and Kress Halls, and the Gateway Apartments, describes RA Appreciation Week as "a way to put our words into actions of how much we appreciate our Residential Advisors."

Every day of the week consists of different events and surprises.

On Monday, Dean of Students Amy Badal, director of Residential Education Jackie Cetera and all of the Community Directors sent out personalized kudos to all of their staff members. Dean Badal also provided every RA a free drink from Seventh Street Café. On Tuesday staff members played bingo, which consisted of many prizes and all members received a reusable straw. Wednesday consisted of a brunch that was sponsored by the housing office. On Thursday, a thank you video from a variety of departments was sent to staff. Friday holds one final surprise for the RA Staff.

"We know there are not enough words in the dictionary to say thank you, so RA Appreciation Week is a way to show Residential Advisors in little ways that their hard work doesn't go unrecognized," Brown said.

She suggests there are many

ways to show appreciation to our RAs on a daily basis.

"Just say thank you more. Actions speak louder than words so doing the little things is a great way to show recognition," Brown said.

Magui Torres '22, who has been a Residential Advisor for three years, says one of her favorite parts about RA Appreciation are Brown's small acts of kindnesses and Brown's individual email to her.

"It is evident that [Autumn] puts her words into action and truly leaves an impact on her Residential Advisors," Torres said.

RAs face many challenges and Torres has needed to find a balance between her school work and RA duties which can be very overwhelming. Torres says her favorite part of being an RA is "the community that we are able to create in our halls... The community that we as a staff have created and keep nourishing is just amazing. The RA staff is one of the most diverse groups of students on campus which I truly appreciate."

Sophomore Molly Tuthill, who is an RA to first years, has been able to make special connections and is looking forward to her future years of being an RA as well.

"My favorite part about being an RA is getting to know my Residents and fellow RAs. I have met amazing friends from this opportunity and these friendships will continue long after I am an RA," Tuthill said.

“We could reach carbon neutrality next month” – If we wanted to pay for it

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Nearly three years ago, over 900 members of the University's community signed a Letter to the Editor directed to the administration out of concern for the campus' efforts within sustainability. The letter, spearheaded by Department Chair of Environmental Studies & Sciences Andrew Stuhl, illustrated both the immediacy required in responding proactively to an ever-worsening climate, as well as “the responsibility that [the University] has in doing its part to mitigate the existential threat of the climate crisis”. The letter's demands were clear, centered around a perceived vice that continues to plague the campus: the cogeneration (“cogen”) plant that has served as the University's primary source of energy and heating following the transition from coal power in 1997. The signers asked for a reevaluation on “how we consume fossil fuels on campus”, as well as the shutting down of “the fossil-fuel cogen plant and building alternative sources of energy by 2030”.

That was in 2019. In the years since the demands have been vocalized, the University has promised much and attempted to deliver on its commitments, though faculty and staff members will admit to the impediments placed by the prioritization of funds and the particularly perpetual roadblock that has been the COVID pandemic. As noted in the Fall 2020 Sustainability Plan, the campus' sustainability working groups were forced “to go remote, thus minimizing operational and some tactical aspects of campus sustainability.” Victor Udo, the Director of Campus Sustainability, noted the enthusiasm from students and faculty for the newly developed working groups, a passion dulled by the enduring pandemic. “Because of the priorities of COVID, everybody was overwhelmed,” Udo said, an indication of a temporary reallocation of emphasis for the University concerning its efforts towards carbon neutrality.

But the University has seemingly remained firm on its obligations despite setbacks, thanks to initiatives that began even before the impassioned Letter to the Editor. For instance, the President's Sustainability Council was a group initiated by President Bravman, a collective of concerned students, faculty and administrators. Since

2015, the Renewable Energy Scholars have collaborated to provide the campus with a more holistic understanding of the path towards sustainability. The Green Fund “provides start-up money for sustainability projects that are proposed and implemented by students, faculty and staff.”

The Fund itself is indeed an ambitious program, a practically “sustainable” operation of allocating savings from accomplished projects back into the program. The last project, a proposal for Affinity House Hand Dryer Installations, resulted in 21 hand dryers being installed across campus. Yet while 37 projects have been completed, many of which are student-led, and just over a million dollars have been saved in part due to this operation, there are no projects currently funded or in progress.

What is ultimately clear is that, between the many programs and operations, there is plainly no shortage of ongoing efforts from the University to reach its lofty goals of carbon neutrality and a helping of committees dedicated to doing so. The Solar Farm is but another example of the campus' sustained dedication to renewable energies; a year after the plan received approval from the East Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors, the University's Solar Farm will reach completion in April of this year. The fruits of this labor, according to Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering Peter Jansson, will be a renewable form of energy

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that “will cover about ten percent of the campus' electrical needs”.

But while Jansson, who is the Faculty Director of the Bucknell Center for Sustainability & the Environment, acknowledges proudly the remarkable achievements of the campus' efforts towards renewable energy, he too recognizes the steep hills ahead yet to be conquered. While the technologies to achieve such dramatic measures for improving the campus' sustainability are not novel, they have yet to see meaningful applications on campus. “It's just what's a good schedule for Bucknell, and when those things should happen,” Jansson said. Many of the lights on campus, Director Udo noted, are LED-based. The Academic

West building is a platinum operation, according to standards set by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

While Udo does not agree with there being a conflict between the University's struggle to achieve carbon neutrality and its desires to expand the campus, he did observe that “there is always a trade-off when you are limited by cash, so you have to prioritize.” According to the campus' 2017 Master Plan, the changes made to environmental regulations necessitated some decommissioning of existing chiller capacity. “A new chiller plant is required as soon as possible,” it reads. “in order to minimize risk to the campus and to support the potential development of major capital projects, including Academic East and the COM building.”

Udo also acknowledges the efforts of leveraging finances while achieving sustainability. “Look at for instance the 1.6 megawatt solar farm we are installing. We leveraged our land, we didn't have to put our capital up front, we didn't have to touch our budget.”

Yet a glaring concern remains that has not yet been abated since Letter to the Editor in 2019: the decommission of the cogeneration plant. Carbon neutrality is an ambitious goal the University remains steadfast in reaching by 2030. But a plan to shift away from cogeneration in the next several years is not currently in the cards, not even to fulfill the campus' sustainability promises. Professor Jansson acknowledges “that the next steps are electrification”, a route that would not be unique to the University. Other campuses have already transitioned into a far more environmentally-friendly method of powering their university; Stanford is one such example that Jansson observed, a university that accomplished such an innovation seven years ago. According to their campus, Stanford's “comprehensive new system” is one that “eliminates 150,000 tons of carbon dioxide annually.”

It would be impractical to expect the University to shut down the cogeneration plant in just a few days, yet Director Udo foresees a lengthy future wherein the energy operation maintains its presence on our campus. He predicts that the cogeneration plant would still “have at least twenty years of life left,” a deflating reality that may serve as a disappointment to the hopeful signatories of the Letter to the Editor. Yet Udo is insistent that the cogeneration plant is not the vice that it has often been touted as. “The problem is not the cogen,” the director argues.

“It's the carbon. So if you could find a way to reduce the carbon on-site, or offset it, that's the way to go, in my opinion.”

The potential to rely on paying off a carbon “debt” through offsets, one that might allow the University to reach its carbon goals sooner, is a tremendous opportunity that many other campuses have sought out along their own paths towards sustainability. Professor Jansson admits that “we could reach carbon neutrality next month, if we wanted to pay for the offsets,” a sentiment that Udo reciprocates. Yet while the director recognizes the possibility of relying on offsets in order to reach the campus' goals sooner, he insists that the University's priorities lie elsewhere. “We don't think just buying offset is the way to go. We think we want to reduce as much [as possible] to reach efficiency. We want to use as much renewable energy as possible.”

It is an admirable effort, one that intends to entirely reform the University's campus into one that

... while you are learning how to make the world a better place, you can actually be doing it.

relies wholly on renewable energies and sustainability practices. But these long-term ambitions, however noble, do overlook the relatively short window afforded to us in the battle against climate change, a global concern largely of our own making. The Letter to the Editor acknowledges the potential necessity of relying on carbon offsets as a method of achieving neutrality, as well as the rising costs attributed to them that may be an unfortunate economic reality in the near future. “Additionally, the finances on offset credits are rapidly changing; soon it may be more costly to pay for offsets than to shift our own fuels to on-campus generated renewable sources.” The costs of purchasing carbon offsets varies depending on the type of project, but projections estimate surges of these offset costs, tenfold in 2030 to potentially fifty-fold by 2050.

Eight years is not a particularly long time when considering the necessity for more immediate measures to combat climate change. Short-term remedies are critical not merely for the sake of meeting the University's ambitious goals, but to also preserve

a hospitable climate for the next generations. Yet Director Udo believes instead that the campus' priorities should remain focused on current efforts, rather than potential offsets. “We are positioning ourselves so that, come 2030, we could be able to offset what we were not able to reduce through efficiency and renewable energy.”

Combating climate change is not merely an individual concern or even a woe for a single campus. Rather, it must be addressed through an international or even global level of collaboration. Udo briefly mentioned a proposed partnership with Goldman Sachs to produce offsets in Africa, a preliminary plan that the director was reluctant to divulge much further on. Yet Professor Jansson clarified that the proposal might be where “Nigeria and Ghana and some of the West African nations could become sources of carbon sink for the whole planet” through growing bamboo. A successful partnership such as the one currently being developed could help the University develop a reliable method of offsetting carbon and reaching their lofty goals without shutting down a cogeneration plant they may still deem reliable twenty years from now. Even if our carbon emissions are not wholly eliminated, external means may allow for the University's promises to be met by reducing a similar amount of carbon present elsewhere.

Carbon neutrality is a goal that few other campuses can boast achieving; only ten academic institutions across the country have managed to reach their goals for true carbon neutrality, with Allegheny College being both the most recent to earn this elusive achievement as well as the first campus in Pennsylvania to have done so. The next steps forward for our own campus, Udo and Jansson believe, is an adherence not merely to current practices, but also to engage the student population even further. “My office is actually mostly manned with students,” Udo said. “And so we want students to be emerged, understand all the intricacies of sustainability, and become sustainability leaders.” Professor Jansson insists that impassioned students will be the ones to accelerate the process of sustainability, a fervor that he believes the administration will positively respond to.

“Part of our goal is to enable students to realize that while you are learning how to make the world a better place,” Jansson said. “You can actually be doing it.”

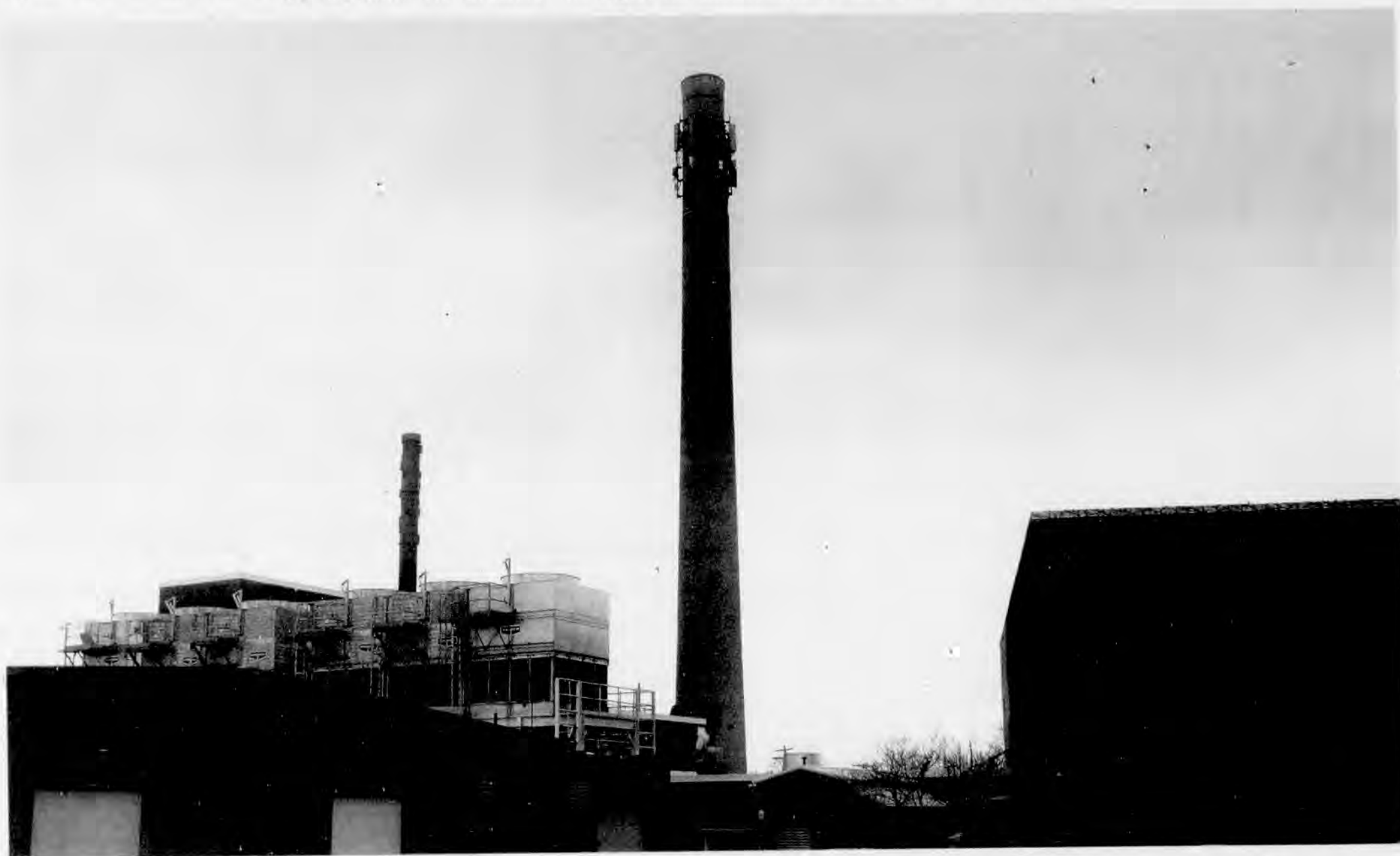


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End of party restrictions leads to largest rager ever seen by administration

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Satire Co-Editor

On Feb. 7, the Borough of Lewisburg lifted the 25-person limit on social gatherings, which is a godsend for the University community. This is because this past weekend, a mass collection of the fraternities (what's left of them), the sororities, and the various other houses have combined together to shape one of the largest recorded parties in the University's existence.

Reports range the activities from keg stand towers to entire beer pong leagues dueling one another for supremacy in an event now known as the Beer Pong Brawl. The size of the Super was so massive that attendance rivaled the Shaq concert for sheer amounts of people alone. That's not to say that it was completely safe, however. At least two students were taken out of the fight because of ping pong ball-related infections, and there were 16 separate cases of alcohol poisoning from first years (since Greek Life already had their tolerances built up). There were also many COVID concerns, because nobody can truly escape COVID nowadays, and because, due to the students' drinking habits, nobody was wearing a mask,

thus quintupling the risk of catching the dreaded disease.

"It was alright," Bud Whiteclaw '22 said. "Two, three years ago, these parties would have been a hundred percent better, this is pretty normal by frat standards." Back before COVID, the parties were apparently much bigger than this, Whiteclaw claims, and beer flowed everywhere: frat houses, backyards and classes if they could help it. "It's incredible to me that students will never know what the University's was like with real parties." Upon witnessing the enormity of this party (and not partaking in it at all in the slightest), I could not help but wonder what this senior meant. What was there before COVID?

Since the beginning of college, it was all masks and vaccines, and I've long since given up hope of any sort of "normal" college experience despite the pleas of parents and mentors alike. What is the "normal" college experience, anyways? Is the celebration of parties returning just an echo of a bygone era, or do these claims have merit to them? Since this is satire, I'm not allowed to have a serious answer to this question. Therefore, I leave it up to you to decide.

Bored in Quarantine? Here's 10 great things you could do/watch while you wait

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With many variants of COVID emerging such as the Omicron and Mu variant, many schools have taken different measures to ensure the safety of students. As the University had started the semester in-person unlike many universities which were online the first two weeks, it is plausible that some students have caught COVID. Even now, fellow University students can still catch COVID and would have to quarantine at a hotel for a few days. If you happen to be one of the victims of such a variant, then here are 10 things you can do during your stay at the hotel:

If you really miss eating at Bostwick, try having dinner over FaceTime with your friends who just happen to be at Bostwick! Surprisingly finished with all your work? Email your professors for more work. Although it would not count as extra credit, at least your professor would give you "brownie points!" Making your bed? If you're one of many who never made their bed because they have class five minutes after their fourth alarm, this is the perfect time to do so. After making your bed, I bet you'll be tempted to jump on it and stare off into space. If so, you can count the tiles on the ceiling while you're in bed. 1, 2, 3 tiles and many more to go! If your hotel room has a dictionary in the drawer, you could go through

it and find as many five-letter words as you can. You got to prepare for the next Wordle, especially since the New York Times made it nearly impossible for many to get it. Who just casually uses the word "tacit"? Watch an artsy, avant-garde film! If you don't know what it is, just think of a film where a person is rolling around the public bathroom floor, in which the film is a commentary on capitalism! Make an avant-garde film! You, too, could roll around your hotel bathroom floor and make it into a commentary on the education system. Maybe you could be the next Stan Brakhage or Maya Deren, who knows? Maybe make an avant-garde film on Wordle! Picture this, you could not get the Wordle of the day and roll on the bathroom floor out of frustration. It would then be a commentary on the prison system. Ok, enough with avant-garde filmmaking, what about reading? You could finally finish that summer reading! Back to avant-garde films, maybe make an avant-garde film in which it is just a regular movie with an actual story, but call it "avant-garde" as it is a commentary on avant-garde films!

Do what you want with this list of 10 things you could do if in quarantine, but just know that you would not be having as much fun unless you make a film of you making your bed (while it would secretly be a commentary on the Russia-Ukraine situation).

Witnesses see Edward Snowden captured by SWAT Team during Tuesday night talk

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Edward Snowden was a government employee who became famous in 2013 when he sought action against the National Security Agency (NSA) for allegedly using their spy technology domestically, without the knowledge of citizens. In response to this lack of transparency, Snowden released thousands of government documents to the public. After revealing this previously secret information, Snowden fled to Hong Kong and later received asylum in Russia to escape repercussions from the U.S. government. Despite the risk of being caught by American authorities, Snowden agreed to speak at the University via Zoom last Tuesday. Although Snowden was initially excited to speak to the University, which he may have mistaken for the more famous institution of Cornell University, he ultimately regretted accepting the offer because of

the disastrous events that followed shortly after.

While many students and faculty crowded in Trout auditorium on Tuesday to watch the live zoom, Snowden sat at his desk in Russia and his image was projected on a huge screen. Due to the blown-up image of Snowden's face, many students couldn't control their laughter when they spotted leafy leftovers between his two front teeth. Thus, although the topic of the night was supposed to be digital surveillance culture, many students chose to focus more on spreading the hashtag #eddie_eats on social media. Unfortunately, the government's spying technologies, which Snowden sought to expose back in 2013, picked up the hashtag. As a result, three people dressed as Bucky the Bison, who have now been confirmed to be government officials, burst into Trout auditorium and started vigorously typing on the computer that connected Snowden to the projector. Although one would suspect the sudden entrance of the bison to cause chaos, the students and faculty in the auditorium didn't stop

the intruders as many thought they were experiencing hallucinations caused by mid-semester burnout.

Moreover, after minutes of hacking, the bison finished their work and ran out of the auditorium. Then, in real-time, audience members witnessed five men enter Snowden's hideout in Russia. One may have expected Snowden to notice people approaching him from behind because his laptop camera would show his immediate surroundings. However, it seems that Snowden too found the lettuce between his teeth and was too preoccupied with romaine to notice the heavily armed men behind him. After a nail-biting two minutes of a heavily-trained SWAT team tiptoeing closer to Snowden's chair, they finally seized him. Overall, the University students in the auditorium found the talk shocking and convincing as they witnessed the real-life repercussions of domestic digital surveillance. However, many agree that the more important lesson from the night is to clean your teeth before appearing in front of a crowd of college students.

An Update to Macbeth

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Scene Description: a wild west tavern. Macbeth has just killed the former sheriff, Sheriff Duncan. Macbeth, now the new sheriff, is on the hunt for Macduff, a wanted outlaw with a \$1000 bounty on his head and who has vowed to kill Macbeth. Macbeth is buying a gun.

Enter Sheriff Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, and a bartender. The bartender places a gun on the table in front of Macbeth.

Bartender: You ever fire a gun before? Macbeth: Of course I have, good sir. I have the sharpest shot in all the land.

Bartender: What kind of gun do you shoot, sheriff?

Macbeth: A Colt, good sir.

Bartender: What did it shoot?

Lady Macbeth: Bullets.

Macbeth: .32s

Bartender: A Colt shoots .22s.

Macbeth rises from his chair and grabs the bartender by his throat, choking him.

Macbeth: A Colt shoots .32s. I should know since I've got the sharpest aim in all the land!

Macbeth slams the bartender's head

against the table, knocking him unconscious.

Lady Macbeth: Excellent work, honey, we don't need pointless lads like him dragging us down.

Macbeth grabs the gun from the table.

Lady Macbeth: I'm hungry. Let's go kill some wild buffalo and eat it raw, skin and all.

Macbeth: Excellent. Simply an excellent suggestion.

Enter Macduff.

Macduff: Well, if it ain't the barbaric Macbeth and his dimwit wife, the buffalo eater.

Macbeth: Now you look familiar, but let's have you make an introduction just so I can see if you are at all capable of talking proper grammar, good sir.

Macduff: You just happened to kill my whole family, so if you don't know my name then you really do deserve the term,

"barbaric Macbeth." But I'm a kind gentleman, so I will say that I am Macduff from the town of Valentine, up north.

Macbeth: Now I ain't heard of no "town of Valentine, up north," so why don't you tell me more about it?

Macduff: The town is full of anthracite mines, which I happen to run.

Macbeth: Now, how on Earth would I get to these so-called anthracite

mines?

Macduff: Take the train on the east-west mainline.

Macbeth: Now, you say that these mines are in Valentine, up north, and yet you tell me to take the east-west train. Why can't you talk proper geography to me, good sir?

Macduff: Are you questioning my intelligence?

Lady Macbeth: We are not questioning your intelligence; we are just simply stating basic geographical facts.

Macbeth: My pretty wife is far too nice, for I am questioning your intelligence.

Macduff and Macbeth draw their guns simultaneously. Before they can shoot, they are both shot by the bartender.

Bartender, wielding his rifle in the air: There shall be no violence in this establishment!

Macduff: No more anthracene for me.

He dies.

Lady Macbeth, to Macbeth: You always were so terrible to me.

She spits in his face.

Lady Macbeth takes Macbeth's gun and shoots him. He dies.

THE END

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February 28, 2022

7 p.m., Gallery Theater

Chasing Childhood is a feature-length documentary that explores how free play and independence have all but disappeared from kids' lives, supplanted by relentless perfectionism and record-high anxiety and depression. What's lost goes well beyond our idyllic conceptions of childhood past. Free play, unsupervised by adults, is critical for developing essential life skills: grit, independence, and resourcefulness. Many young adults appear accomplished on paper, but by the time they get to college, they are struggling, and lack the emotional tools to be more independent.



A brief Q&A with Education majors will follow.

The film explores how helicopter parenting became the norm in many communities across the United States and interweaves potential solutions to letting go and empowering our kids. The film features leaders of this "free-range kid" movement including former Stanford Dean and author of How to Raise an Adult Julie Lythcott-Haims; Biological Psychologist Peter Gray; and others.

Please join the Department of Education this spring as we examine two new documentaries about the growing pressures faced by both young children and older teens as they navigate our educational system.

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7 p.m., Gallery Theater

At Lowell High School, the top-ranked public high school in San Francisco, the seniors are stressed out. As they prepare for the emotionally draining college application process, students are keenly aware of the intense competition for the few open spots in their dream schools. They scrutinize how every element of their application, from their classes to their extracurricular activities to their racial identities, might be read by admission officers.

With humor and heart, director Debbie Lum takes us to the reality of the American college application process and the intersection of class, race, and educational opportunity as experienced by high school seniors living through it. Try Harder! is a portrait of young adults in the most diverse American generation ever as they navigate a quintessential rite of passage and make it their own.

Following the screening, we will be joined by director Debbie Lum, Impact Producer Un Kyon Ho and one of the students featured in the film.



BACK 2 BLACK: BSU'S ANNUAL BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL

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This past weekend, the University's Black Student Union (BSU) put together their annual Black Arts Festival, consisting of a creative and inspiring Fashion Show Friday night and a spirited Stomp Out that followed on Saturday, giving the historic month of February, Black History Month, the energy we did not know we needed. Two years since the last Black Arts Festival, BSU relaunched their highly anticipated event with the theme, "Back to Black."

"We are coming back from a year that no one could've imagined because of the pandemic, and it can be so easy to lose sight of who you are in tragedy. For us, this was getting back to those roots of Black happiness, success, fashion, all things Black and even reminding the Bucknell community of these things," Endia Scales '24 said.

After not having a festival last year due to COVID, expectations were set high as BSU began preparations during the fall semester. "The two biggest expectations I had for Black Arts Festival this year was for it to empower those who participated (models, hosts, those working behind the scenes, and the audience alike), as well as provide a sense of togetherness and community, and I believe that BSU accomplished just that this year as well as focus on the sense of empowerment and community because over the last two years coming together, in general, has been difficult, and I feel that it was something that Bucknellians on campus needed," Denay Taylor '23 said.

BSU president, Bryanni Williams '23, warmed up the audience with her opening remarks, and the show commenced. "With all the excitement, anticipation I think this year's events definitely changed the outlook for our community because we had many new, fresh faces who participated and got to experience the magnitude of Black Arts Festival which keeps the tradition alive. For the black students here, Black Arts Festival is important and special to us because it's our time! Our time to showcase our blackness but also to show that Bucknell is our campus just as much

as it is the other students. Black Alumni come back to show love and support, local Black Student Unions and organizations join us, black Greek life is present in its entirety, and most importantly students are provided with the space to be unapologetically and authentically black," Williams said.

The first line, African Royalty by Angel Sousani-Twumasi '25, Oluwasefunmi Oluwafemi '25 and Amma Boamah-Appiah '25, highlighted traditional indigenous garments from models representing their nations.

Following a strong opening, the momentum continued with 90's Power by Scales. "I chose the theme 90's Power because as an early 2000's baby, it is a period I had always adored and grew up around. I felt like it was a time when black fashion was at its prime, and I wanted to showcase that in more than one way. I also wanted an aspect of my scene to pay homage to black lives and the ongoing fight my community faces because it is something I hold dear to who I am as a black woman," Scales said.

The Bisonettes made an appearance during the intermission and a jazzy performance from Rah Hite '23, (shoutout to his saxophone rendition to "Weak" by SWV).

Seba Ismail '23 and Kayla Stevens '24 closed out the evening with three lines: Noir poked fun at the crime film genre with bold black silhouettes, Decriminalize that B***** centered around green hues inspired by the unjust incarcerations of black people due to the possession of marijuana, and Mecca flaunting the many shades of brown, a color which also has been trending lately in contemporary fashion.

Taylor reminisced on her participation in the 2020 show, "While I was a little nervous at first when I started moving down the catwalk, the outpour of applause, cheers, and support I received from the audience made me forget my nervousness and replaced it with a sense of empowerment and community, it was a great feeling!" Taylor said.

Chair of Programming for BSU, Reece Pauling '24, concluded the event and took a moment to thank all involved behind the scenes. "There were three Fashion show Coordinators

who put on two to three scenes, and there were about 30 models who were a part of this event. Getting people together for practices and working around 30+ schedules was a challenge on its own. In addition, a lot of the decorations (marquee sign and the VIP lounge Area), Tech (TVs and Lights), and all had to be prepared ahead of time. Even to the smallest details like thanking our models and showing appreciations for our Coordinators as well as party favors for guest and water bottles with programs were essential to the set-up of the Fashion show," Pauling said.

The show made references to Black fashion icons, such as Tupac, Rihanna, Destiny's Child, Boyz n the Hood and Malcolm X., The main point of the show was giving credit where credit is due. The showcased styles, according to the BSU Instagram, "have influenced the mainstream for decades. However, Black artists rarely get the credit for popularizing these creations...we encourage you to look into styles that have been created today and see if they can be traced back to Black creators." Some relevant fashion trends with ties to black culture include bucket hats, "logomania" (repeating monogrammed logo patterns), sneakers of the "sneakerhead" and "hypebeast" culture, monogrammed name necklaces and long acrylic nails. "It felt so good to have a weekend where Black excellence was exemplified for the Bucknell community. It was a lot of hard work, but I was proud of how it turned out. My models were so unique and helped me bring my vision to the runway through the outfits and the choreography, the energy, and the fun they had while doing it. I was on the logistics and planning end, but they were the real stars by bringing it to life, and it was an honor working with them and everyone else involved this weekend," Scales said.

According to Step Afrika, "Stepping is a percussive, highly-energetic art form first developed through the 'song and dance rituals performed by African-American fraternities and sororities. In Stepping, the body becomes an instrument, using footsteps, claps, and spoken word to produce complex poly-rhythms. Stepping has been

described as 'one of the most exciting dance forms created in the 21st century.'" Rooted in African American culture dating back to the early 19th century, STOMP has become a traditional phenomenon among Black Greek organizations. The performances and energy were electric in Weis Saturday night, filling the auditorium with cheers, good music and powerful dancing. You could not help but wiggle in your seat, absorbing yourself in these remarkable performances.

Hosted by Jonathan Elliott '25 and Taylor, the Stomp Out Classic featured competition among four Black Greek Letter organizations putting their best foot forward, along with an intermission performance from the Bisonettes. Rho Iota Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and the Xi Kappa Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. are the only two organizations affiliated with the University, helping to reach out to other local university organizations of the Divine Nine, which represent the nine historically Black Greek letter organizations.

Bryanni gave a final reflection on the weekend, "Black Arts Festival is a time for black students to showcase their unique personalities, identities, and the multiple variations of blackness that are most precious to us like how we express ourselves through music, fashion, dance, step, and many more. This annual event is also a time where we get to celebrate our blackness, fellowship, and showcase our creativity. After concluding a great weekend, I truly believe my team and I achieved just that—we had a great turnout at all events, had the opportunity to connect with local BSU's and Divine 9 fraternities and sororities around the area, and inspired a number of students at Bucknell. We couldn't be prouder," Williams said.

Additional thanks to BSU Advocacy Chair, Hallie Robin '22, BSU Chair of Outreach, Jerra Holdip '23, BSU advisor Marcus Scales and all the BSU members responsible for a phenomenal program. Final thanks to the CAP Center, Multiple Cultural Students Services, Sabrina Shankar and her team for additional event help.

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Men's basketball demonstrates overtime excellence

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The shot clock read 5.9 seconds when Andrew Funk '22 went for an off-balance 3-pointer. This basket sent the Bison to a tough 92-89 overtime win against Lafayette on Saturday at Sojka Pavilion. During the course of the game, Funk scored 20 points to help the Orange and Blue avenge an overtime loss against Lafayette that happened two weeks prior.

In the second half, Lafayette came back from a 17-point deficit and forced overtime with 10 seconds left in regulation. The Leopards sent a long three to secure extra time. By the first minute and 14 seconds of the extra session, the Leopards had a lead after sinking a 3-pointer to bring the score to 89-87. The Bison responded by scoring the final five points of the game to bring them to a triumphant win over Lafayette.

"It was a really hard fought game and we definitely showed improvement," said junior Xander Rice. "I was really happy with how we kept playing hard and were able to get it done in overtime."

The Bison shot 51.7 percent for the game, including a 9-for-21 mark from the 3-point range and 21-for-23 at the foul line. On the other hand, Leopards shot 72 percent in the second half and 56.7 percent overall. They finished 10-for-27 from the arc and 11-for-14 from the foul line.

Xander Rice '17, Andre Screen '24 (17), Elvin Edmonds IV '25 (11) were the other Bison in double figures during the contest. Edmonds also had 6 rebounds and 4 assists as well.

Throughout the game, the Bison out rebounded the Leopards 32-22 and achieved a total of 19 assists to 11 turnovers. The Leopards had 23 assists to 10 turnovers.

Funk's 20 points against Lafayette allowed him to pass Joe Willman '13, Hal Danzig '59, and Bryan Bailey '02 on the University's all-time scoring list. He has secured himself as the 27th all-time with 1,173 points putting him just one behind Gerald Purnell '77 for 26th.

The Bison are back in action against the Black Knights on Wednesday at Sojka Pavilion.

Men's Lacrosse Dominates St. John's 23-7



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Holly Burns
Sports Co-Editor

Men's lacrosse faced St. John's this past weekend in their home opener at Christy Mathewson Memorial Stadium. The Bison added onto a strong 2-0 road start, scoring 23 goals and earning their first home win of the season. 11 different Bison scored on the day, with Connor Davis '25 matching the school record for single-game goals by a first-year with six for the second time this season.

Alston Tarry '22 added three goals and two assists; Cam Doolan

'25 tallied two goals and two assists; Jack Feda '23 recorded three goals; Patrick Ciquera '24 netted two goals and had one assist; and Dutch Furlong '24 contributed one goal and two assist on the day. Davis has scored 16 goals in only the first three games of the season, while the next closest Bison, Tarry, held seven goals on the season thus far. The Bison had two 7-0 scoring runs during the game, and one 3-0 and 4-0.

The Orange and Blue's defense was also key to the dominant victory over St. John's. Frankie Higgins '22 and Andrew Stanzel '23 each posted three caused

turnovers. Reid Delanois '22 was vital defensively and offensively, adding two caused turnovers, two ground balls and an assist.

Captain Nick Crovatto '22 spoke on the team's success so far. "We have a very tight team this year and everyone played well on Saturday. We are excited to be 3-0 but are not satisfied. We want to keep our momentum going into this weekend and into league play," Crovatto said. "Just taking it one game at a time."

Crovato was one of three Bison to earn Patriot League weekly honors for Saturday's performance. Crovatto was named

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Upcoming Events

Men's and Women's Track and Field

- Patriot League Championships 2/26-2/27

Men's Basketball

- Vs. Boston University at 2pm on 2/26

Women's Basketball

- Vs. Army West Point at 6pm on 2/26

Women's Lacrosse

- Vs Robert Morris at 12pm on 2/26

Women's Water Polo

- Vs Princeton at 1:30pm on 2/26
- Vs Brown at 6:30 on 2/26
- Vs Harvard at 10:30am on 2/27
- Vs Mount St. Mary's (MD.) at 1:30pm on 2/27

Bison Tennis heating up

Nick Sperduto
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The Bison women's tennis team proved to be too much for their upstate New York opponents, posting 4-3 and 5-2 victories over Bryant (2021 NEC runner up) and Siena (2021 MAAC champions). The weekend sweep moves the Bison to 6-1 overall as they continue to build momentum for upcoming Patriot League action.

Whitney King '25 and Anna Lajos '25 exhibited the steady presence of seasoned veterans in their debut NCAA season. Both King and Lajos went 4-0 on the weekend, improving their overall records to 14-2 and 11-1, respectively. The mark is very impressive for Lajos, who comes to the University from Saint Petersburg, Russia, having spent most of her life competing in the United Arab Emirates.

"My experience so far has been amazing," Lajos said. "Being so far away from home and all of my friends and family is not easy, but having such a supportive coach and knowing that I have seven incredible teammates there for me has been the biggest motivation for me to do my best and work hard every day."

The team possesses a unique blend of young talent and veteran presence, led by senior captain Daniela Bellini '22 at first singles and a strong group headlined by Tyne Miller '24 at third

singles and Laurel Utterback '24 at fourth singles. Kate Novak '24 and Madi Sebulsky '24 have combined to round out a deep lineup for the Bison.

With six out of their seven matches played on the road, nothing seems to slow down this group.

"I think I speak for all of us when I say that spending so much time on the bus, keeping up with school, and giving it our all on the court is exhausting," Lajos said. "But what keeps us going is playing for each other."

"Our biggest goal for the team is to give every match our all, be present on court, support one another, and believe in the strength of our team."

Unfortunately, the Bison men's tennis squad dropped a tight 4-3 match against Saint Joseph's on Saturday. While the Orange and Blue won their share of singles matches, they were unable to take enough doubles points to win the day.

Tim Zelikovsky '24, Nick Mueller '23 and Michael Owen '23 all continued their strong spring seasons, each winning singles matches on the day. Zelikovsky also added a No. 1 doubles win, marking his third straight win in both singles and doubles.

The road to a Patriot League title continues next weekend at the Central PA Tennis Center in South Williamsport, where the Bison will host Saint Francis at 2 p.m.

Bison close out dual action against No. 12 Oklahoma State

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This past weekend the Bison wrestling team faced 12th-ranked Oklahoma State for their last dual meet before the EIWA Championships next weekend. Despite an overall team loss, the Orange and Blue recorded some impressive dual performances to help build some momentum heading into the championships.

Nick Delp '24 was one of two Bison to take down a top-20 opponent, knocking off No. 18 Wyatt Sheets at 157 pounds. Delp fought hard for the 5-7 victory over the Oklahoma State two-time NCAA qualifier and 2021 All-American. Delp started off strong and secured the opening takedown, also marking the Orange and Blue's first on the day. Delp was able to maintain his lead in the third period despite Sheets' desperate attempt to fight back, including a reversal to give him a comfortable lead heading into the end of the match.

"It was exciting to be able to go down to Oklahoma State and wrestle in such a big venue and a well known program. I thought the way Zach and I, along with the team, prepared and wrestled for the match was nothing but pure focus and hard work. Over the last few weeks we have all been focusing on getting one percent better each day and sacrificing little things in all aspects of our lives to make sure that we were properly prepared for this match and for the EIWA tournament coming up next week. Although we did not come out on top as a team I couldn't have been more happy with how our guys wrestled and have been preparing over the last few months and I'm excited to see how the EIWA

tournament goes!" Delp said.

Zach Hartman '22 also added an impressive win on the day, taking down No. 8 ranked Travis Wittlake by a 5-0 margin. Hartman himself is currently ranked 18th nationally at 165 pounds.

Hartman also spoke on his success against Oklahoma State this past weekend, explaining, "I felt prepared for the match. I went in knowing that it was going to be a big match-up, so I did my best to prepare for it, and felt that I'd executed my game plan pretty well. Although the match didn't go how I had expected, I felt confident prior to the injury and was moving my feet really well. It was important for the rest of the team to experience that level of competition, so now we have some things to work on prior to EIWAs. All-in-all, I was happy with how the trip and match went, and feel more prepared than ever for EIWAs and the rest of the postseason."

The Orange and Blue's Kolby DePron '25 is an Oklahoma native and had the chance to travel to his home for the Bison's last dual. DePron attended Bridge Creek High School where he was a three-time state champion and the 2018 state runner-up. DePron was unable to grab the Bison another win in his match against fellow Oklahoma native Kaden Gfeller, falling 9-3.

Despite the loss, the Orange and Blue are proud of their strong effort against a top-ranked team and hope the tough competition will prepare them for a championship this coming weekend. The Bison will compete at the 2022 EIWA Championships from Saturday, March 5 to Sunday, March 6 at Cornell University.

MEN'S LACROSSE

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Faceoff Specialist of the Week for the second time this season. Crovatto won 18 of 22 faceoffs on the day and scooped up 14 ground balls. Two of the faceoffs Crovatto won led to assists on Davis' goals. Higgins earned the first Patriot League weekly nod

of his career as Defensive Player of the Week with three caused turnovers. Davis rounded out the Orange and Blue's weekly awards by being named Rookie of the Week for not only the third straight weekly, but also breaking the Patriot League record.

The Bison are back in action this Saturday where they will face Marist at 12 p.m. in Poughkeepsie, New York. The Orange and Blue hope to continue their strong out of conference performance against a 1-2 Marist squad picked to come in second in the MAAC.

Mens and womens swim and dive take home silver and bronze at Patriot league

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On Feb. 16, the Bison men's and women's swim and dive teams competed in the Patriot League championship in Annapolis, Maryland. The Orange and Blue left Maryland successful with the women's team placed second overall and the men placed third. After not having a normal championship last year, "everyone was very pumped for [the] meet" said Leo Kuyl '23.

On opening night, the women's relay teams helped lead the Bison to take third place with 64 points behind Navy (80) and Army West Point (66). The women's 800 freestyle relay team took second, led by Maddie Hartigan '22, Kayla Lichtner '24, Caroline McGann '24, and Sabrina Vumbacco '23. Their time of 7:18.70 is the second-fastest time in school history. The 200 medley relay team also broke the school record with a time of 1:41.95. The achievement was led by Esme Hunter '24, Abby Doss '24, Alexis Faria '22, and Sophia Donati '23.

Faria spoke on the team's success this weekend. "Going into Patriots we were super excited to see what we could do after a very successful regular season. We brought a ton of energy to the pool deck and created a great atmosphere that allowed us to perform at our peak and end the meet as runner ups behind the naval academy. This was a huge goal of ours and we were thrilled to be able to accomplish it. Every individual on the team brings something special to our program and we are excited to put our hard work to the test for one final time this weekend. We will be sure to have a ton of fun and be the loudest team on deck!" Faria said.

The men's team also finished third on the opening night of the championship with 82 points, also behind Navy (124) and Army West Point (115). The 200 medley relay school record was beaten by swimmers Chris Fabian '24, Ryan Hatoum '23, Liam Pitt '22 and Kuyl. The 800 freestyle relay also placed third with a time of 6:30.50, second in school history. The swimmers in the race were John Gehrig '24, Justin DiSanto '25, Christian Stef '23 and Chris Kopac '25. The dive team also contributed crucial points to the Bison's medal placing. Will Cadwallader '22 took eighth and Nick Pirone '23 took 10th in the 3-meter dive.

The second day was huge for Hartigan, who placed first and beat her own school record in the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:45.85. Hartigan beat the 2019 and 2020 champion for this event. Hartigan was joined by Vumbacco on the podium, who placed third in the same event, with the Bison's second-fastest in school history (4:48.90). Crucial points were also earned in the 200 IM 'A' finals, the Bison being

represented by Doss (fifth) and Hunter (eighth). McGann also won the 500 freestyle consolation finals, adding points to the Orange and Blue's score.

Bison divers also obtained critical points in the 1-meter dive with Gina Hinthorn '25 placing sixth and Meghan Catherwood '25 winning the consolation finals. By the end of the second day, the Bison still trailed in third with 198.5 points.

The men's team held onto third place by the end of the third day. Kuyl won silver in the 50 freestyle, with an NCAA 'B' cut time of 19.96, which beat a record that had stood since 2019. Sean Quinn '22 also broke the record for the 200 IM standard, which had been standing since the 2018 Patriot League Championships. Kuyl was also a part of the 400 medley relay team with Fabian, Noah Basista '24, and Pitt. The group clocked in a time of 3:14.19, the first team to clear 3:16.

Gehrig and Kopac impressively placed fifth in their respective events (200 IM and 500 freestyle) and had the Bison's second-fastest times in his events.

Quinn and Andy Dorsel '25 each placed in the 200 IM, Dorsel's time being the third-fastest in program history (1:47.52).

On the third day of the Championships, the women's team improved their score to 399.5 and moved up to second place behind Navy. The Bison had a few medal earners to help lead the way. Doss and Catherine Craig '23 each medaled in the 400 IM, winning their first Patriot League individual medals. Doss, the silver medalist, had the Bison's third-fastest time of 4:20.32. Craig, the bronze medalist, had a time of 4:20.66. Hartigan once again dominated in the 200 freestyle and placed third.

The women's 200 freestyle placed fourth, but swimmers Donati, Alexandra Ritorto '23 and Hunter swam the program's second-fastest time (1:33.52).

Doss and Craig (placed fifth), Vumbacco and Meagan Hathaway '22 (placed sixth) swam in the 400 IM's 'A' finals. Skye Sunderhauf '25 dominated the lanes in the event's consolation finals. Craig also placed sixth in the 100 breaststroke, followed by Liz Dokina '25 in seventh, each making times in the program's top-10 in the event.

The third day proved successful for the men's swim and dive team as well. School records were set and medals were earned by both Fabian and Kopac. Fabian placed third in the 100 backstroke and set a new school record (48.00) in the 100 butterfly event. Pitt came close behind Fabian with a time of 48.59, still beating the previously set record. Kopac won silver in the 200 freestyle and beat the school record with a time of 1:36.48.

The Bison had seven qualifiers

for the 'A' finals, had three members win in the consolation finals, and finished with an impressive 12 program top-times. In the 1-meter dive, Cadwallader placed seventh and Pirone won consolation finals, his score being 10th in school history.

On the final day of the Patriot League Championships, the women's swim and dive team took home the second place trophy. The team finished with 10 medals, four earned on the last day, and tallied up a total of 577.5 points. This is the Orange and Blue's 13th time placing second in the Patriot League Championships.

Highlights from the night include a crucial silver medal win came from the 400 freestyle relay team. This win put the Bison in front of Army West Point. In addition, Hartigan and Vumbacco placed top two in the 1,650 freestyle. Hartigan had an impressive time of 16:37.48 and Vumbacco finished right behind her with a time of 16:38.74, earning her first silver medal.

Hartigan was also a part of the silver-winning 400 freestyle relay team, alongside Donati, Lichtner and Hunter. This second-place finish helped secure the Bison's runner-up showing.

Doss placed third in the 200 breaststroke and joined Craig on the podium for placing in the 400-IM.

The Orange and Blue had four qualifiers for the 'A' finals. Craig and Hunter participated in the 200 backstroke, placing fourth and fifth. Diver Reggie Frias '25 went fifth in the 3-meter dive. The Bison had three other divers who made the 3-meter dive's 'B' finals. The divers include Kate Gottwald '24, Hinthorn and Meghan Catherwood '25.

The men also finished the weekend successfully, winning third overall with a total of 559.5 points. They took home four individual and two relay medals and broke 11 school records. In addition, head coach Dan Schinnerer won Patriot League Men's Coach of the Year for the third time.

"On the final day at finals our team had already accomplished pretty much all the goals we set out to do, and so at that point I was really just soaking everything in and trying to enjoy myself after a great meet, cheering on my teammates and going all out for one last race" Kuyl said.

On the final day, Gehrig and Kuyl continued to shine. Gehrig placed third in the 200 butterfly with a school-record time of 1:46.14. Kuyl placed fourth in the 100 freestyle, clocking in a time of 44.14, beating a 34-year-old school record.

Kopac tallied the most points for the Orange and Blue with 45, followed by Gehrig, Dorsel and Fabian.

The men's and women's teams will be back in the water for the ECAC Championships on Feb. 25 at Lejeune Hall.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Taylor O'Brien '22

Profile

Sport

Basketball

Hometown

Lafayette Hill, Pa.

High School

Plymouth

Whitemarsh

Position

Guard



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Senior point guard Taylor O'Brien has made quite an impact on the Bison women's basketball team during her four-year campaign. As the team reaches their end of the season, O'Brien has made 369 field goals in her career, including 71 three-pointers. She has been awarded Patriot League Player of the Week twice in this 2021-2022 season. The guard is a crucial part of the team, making major contributions to an impressive 19-7 record.

O'Brien has been the glue that holds the team together since her rookie season. She has played in all but six of the team's 100 games in her career as a Bison, starting 55 of those contests. Last season, which was a shortened 10-game season due to COVID, the senior was ranked first on the team and fourth in the league for points. She was named First Team All-Patriot League and All-Tournament Team. In the preseason polls for this current season, O'Brien was the only member of the team to be named Preseason

All-League.

O'Brien and the team only have three more games left until the long-anticipated Patriot League Tournament. During the 2019-2020 campaign, the Bison were regular-season champions, but were unable to compete in the tournament due to the nationwide shutdown that occurred in March of that year.

Career Stats

94 games played
55 starts
2266 minutes
(24.1 MPG)
981 points (10.4 PPG)
408 rebounds (4.3 RPG)
129 assists

Strong weekend for track and field heading into championships

Cat Jamison
Contributing Writer

This past weekend in Lewisburg, the Bison men's and women's track & field completed their regular season with flying colors. Both teams won multiple events in their final tune-up for the Patriot League Championships.

Robert Feeney '24 placed second in the weight throw with a 57-10.25. This landed him on the Bison record books, placing him eighth all-time.

"This past weekend's meet was a great opportunity for a lot of the team to get a chance to improve and compete at our home facility. There was a ton of energy, especially for my event, the weight throw. Coming off a strong meet in the same place as our league championship will definitely help with confidence going into this weekend. I think a lot of our team is peaking at the right time and we should be able to make some noise against Army and Navy - who traditionally dominate the league," Feeney said.

Cameron Sloan '23 placed third overall, earning an IC4A qualifier in the 200. Quinn McCutcheon '25 had a personal best of 4:24.18 for the mile, placing him second.

Meanwhile, Kameron Schreffler '24 caught second in 60m hurdles with a career-best of 8.48. Jaden Rouse '22 won the triple jump (43-01.50), while Anthony Zamarra '23 had a win in the shot put (54-08.00)

contributing to an overall successful day for the Orange and Blue.

Reigning Patriot League Rookie of the week Anna Posh '25 grabbed first in the 500 with a 1:16.81 and second was grabbed by Karly Forker '22 (1:17.01), both qualifying for ECAC. The Bison triumphed in the 400 as well with a 58.46 time by Mackenzie Turner '23 beating Lehigh's second-place finisher by 0.39 seconds.

Karen Hull '24 posted the second-best time in 60m hurdle school history. Her (8.75) time was the second .07 seconds shy of the record set in 2018 by Kafilat Oladiran '18.

Karly Renn '25 also posted the second-best pole vault mark in school history, tying her with Angie Hall's record in 2005. Renn (12-3.50) and Jennifer Scott '23 (11-11.75) went 1-2 in the pole vault.

The Orange and Blue leaped into first and second as Gianna Macones '22 (18-09.75) placed first and Lila Gaughan '24 (18-3.75) placed second. The Bison also earned a second-place finish in the 3000 with a 10:42.74 time from Laura Sakol '24.

Lastly, the Bison earned a win in the shot put with Abby Whitaker '22 posting a meet-best 44-01.50, followed by Siobhan O'Sullivan '24 second-place 43-5.

This weekend (Saturday, Feb. 26 and Sunday, Feb. 27) the university will host the 2022 Patriot League Indoor Track & Field Championships at the Gerhard Fieldhouse and the events will be broadcasted on ESPN+.

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2022 Beijing Winter Olympics

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With a spectacular closing ceremony on Sunday, Feb. 20, we saw the conclusion of the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing. It was another sporting event adversely affected by COVID, but that didn't stop several U.S. athletes from standing out in China.

Erin Jackson, a skater from Florida, for example, became the first Black woman to medal in speed-skating when she won gold in the women's 500-meter event. The last time

an American woman won the event was 1994.

The win is all the more significant when one considers that she should have missed out on the event altogether; she was ranked third in the event going into the games following an uncharacteristic stumble in the U.S. trials, disqualifying herself from the games. However, teammate Brittany Bowe gave up her spot so that she could compete.

Jessie Diggins, a skier from Minnesota, became the first American female skier to win individual cross-country medals after she secured silver in the women's 30-kilometer. This also made her the first non-European to bring home a medal from the event, earning the accolade just 30 hours after contracting food poisoning.

American figure skater Nathan Chen had something to prove coming into the Winter Games after a

disastrous performance at the 2018 games. As the last skater of the day, Chen broke the world record for a short program score at 113.97, taking home the gold medal. That also made him the first Asian-American man to win a medal in men's figure skating singles.

These were just a few of the performances from the games where, overall, the United States won 25 medals, consisting of eight gold medals, ten silver and two bronze medals.

This marked more overall medals than the 2018 winter games, but the fewest gold medals since 1998.

The end of the games signified the conclusion of a very hectic few years for the Olympics, with the summer games just a year earlier, and controversies (both sporting and political surrounding the games) indicate that these few years will change the landscape of world sport forever.

Bison Softball has Competitive Weekend

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The Bison softball team split the weekend 2-2 in Wilmington, North Carolina this past weekend. The Orange and Blue had their first two wins of the season on Saturday against Marist and UNCW, then lost to both on Sunday.

In the Bison's first match of the weekend they defeated Marist 2-1. The first two innings ended scoreless from both teams. In the third inning, Ava Aguilar '25 scored on a wild pitch after the Bison loaded the bases, giving them a 1-0 lead.

Kaiya Burton '23 was the starting pitcher for the Bison and struck out five batters, allowing four hits and only one walk. Marist got on the board in the bottom of the sixth, tying the game to 1-1.

In a low-scoring game, the Orange and Blue had to go into extra innings to claim the win. Chase Knapp '23 had the game-winning run.

In the second game of the day, the Bison played UNCW and won 8-4. Kelly Toomey '22 was on the mound for the entire game, allowing eight hits and striking out seven.

UNCW started the game with a hot streak, leading 3-0 before the Bison offense got hot themselves and went on to have 13 hits throughout the game.

Knapp had a double to contribute to the Bison's comeback, alongside Juliette Basso '25 batting a leadoff

double and Kailyn Lorberter '23 hitting an RBI single.

The Bison managed to tie the game 3-3 in the seventh inning, followed by a fantastic performance in the top of the eighth inning, scoring five runs on four hits.

The Bison took an 8-3 lead going into the bottom of the eighth, where UNCW scored one more run before the end of the game.

Nicole Rivait '22 spoke on the weekend, noting that "it was a great weekend at UNCW in the beautiful weather and there were a lot of bright spots for us as a team. It has been really fun to watch this team get better and better every game we play. It is obviously still very early in the long season and there is still a lot of work to be done, but I think we can walk away from this weekend happy with where we are at and where we are going. A lot of young players stepped up in really critical positions which was fun to see, and you also saw the senior leadership take over in some moments. We were finally able to work out some of the kinks that showed up during our first weekend and it just shows how resilient we are to the adversity we have faced so far."

"This team does a really good job at leaning on each other for support and stepping into the roles that need to be filled, it took all 20 of us this weekend at UNCW to get it done and get those wins," she added. "Although I think

we could have walked away 4-0, the 2-2 weekend gave us a small taste of victory but also the taste of knowing there is still so much more work to be done."

The Bison's second day of their weekend games did not prove as successful. They lost to Marist 3-0 and to UNCW 6-4.

It was a scoreless three innings leading off their game against Marist until Marist scored all three runs of the game in the bottom of the fourth inning. Out of the three runs scored, two Marist players hit home runs.

The Bison left six runners on base, but could not convert any to runs throughout the game. The rest of the game was scoreless.

In the Bison's last game of the weekend, they lost to UNCW 6-4, with the lead changing three times throughout the entirety of the game.

The Bison took the initial lead, up 3-0 by the bottom of the third. UNCW tied the game at their next at-bat, tying the score 3-3 at the top of the fourth. The Orange and Blue took back the lead by scoring a run in the bottom of the fourth, leading 4-3.

Although the Bison battled, they had four errors which contributed to UNCW runs scoring and ultimately losing the game 6-4.

The Bison ended their weekend splitting 2-2; they will travel to Greensboro, N.C. to compete in five games starting on Friday, Feb. 28.

Women's Basketball Picks Up Two More League Victories

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The Bison women's basketball team went 2-0 in their matchups this past week versus Lehigh on Wednesday, Feb. 16 and away at Lafayette on Saturday, Feb. 19. In both very close games, the Bison were able to edge their opponents, strengthening their record to 19-7 on the season and 10-5 in Patriot League play.

The first of the games was a two-point victory over the Mountain Hawks in Sojka Pavilion. In their "Play4Kay" breast cancer awareness game, the Bison were determined to win, and they did just that. While they trailed by 11 heading into halftime, the Orange and Blue came out fired up in the second half, holding Lehigh to only five points in the third quarter while tallying 18 of their own. This helped the Bison gain the edge over the Mountain Hawks, 41-39 heading into the final quarter of play. This two-point difference proved to be all the Bison would need, as both teams scored 15 points apiece in the fourth quarter, resulting in a final score of 56-54. A notable performance came from senior guard Taylor O'Brien '22 who scored a career-high 27 points, which was critical in this comeback victory.

With momentum building from the previous game, the Bison hit the road on Saturday to face-off against the Lafayette Leopards. This time, it was an overtime thriller that led the Bison to victory. The Orange and Blue had a strong performance in the first half, out-scoring

the Leopards 27-20. Following the break, the Bison remained ahead by six for much of the third quarter, unable to strengthen their lead. The fourth quarter of play proved to be a struggle, as the Bison were outshot 20-10, unable to secure the game. This offensive effort by Lafayette ultimately sent the game into overtime, where the Bison regrouped and put 13 points on the board to the Leopard's five. The game ended in a 68-60 victory. Combined, O'Brien and first-year guard Cecelia Collins '25 tallied 39 of the points scored by the Bison, 23 from O'Brien and 16 from Collins.

When asked about both games, Collins acknowledged that they "were important wins [for the team] as they continue to build momentum going into the Patriot League tournament," Collins said. She added that the team "has been playing some great defense and hope to keep the ball rolling as [they] head into some tough matchups this week!"

The Bison are down to their last regular-season games, with two slated in Sojka Pavilion and one on the road. The Orange and Blue will stay home for the beginning of this series, facing Army on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m., followed by a road trip to Boston University on Saturday, Feb. 26 in a 2 p.m. tipoff. They will cap off the season with a home game against Colgate on Wednesday, March 2, at 6 p.m. The Bison remain in the hunt for the playoffs and will continue to fight for a spot in these remaining matches.

Bucknell Baseball Falls in Opening Weekend

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The Orange and Blue opened their 2022 campaign with a weekend in Charleston, S.C. The Bison faced off against Ball State in their first game of the season. Big home runs from Brendan Lowery '22 and Chris Cannizzaro '22 were not enough to top their opponent in an 8-7 loss.

It was an exciting match-up, with both teams combining for five total home runs. Renn Lints '22 came up big when it looked like Ball State was going to make a run, and struck out a batter with the bases loaded to keep the Bison within scoring distance. Cannizzaro, named the Preseason Poll Patriot League Player of the Year, brought the Orange and Blue back into the game in the bottom of the fifth with his fifth career home run. The home run brought Anthony Sherwin '24 home and brought the Bison to a deficit of one

run at 6-5.

The Bison made a big comeback in the eighth, nearly tying the game at 8, but were unable to add the tying run as they fell 8-7.

The Orange and Blue traveled to play Richmond in a tight game once again. An impressive season debut from pitcher Will Greer '23 gave the Bison a 2-1 lead going into the eighth inning. Richmond came from behind in the eighth, though, scoring two runs in the bottom of the inning and securing a 3-2 win over the Bison.

The Orange and Blue started off strong keeping a 2-1 lead early on. Greer was replaced after a full seven innings of pitching and finished his outing with just one hit in his final three frames. The Bison outthrew their opponents as well 9-6 but were unable to equalize, losing their second straight by just one run.

The Bison had another close game, this time against Iowa. The

Orange and Blue kept it tight, but the Hawkeyes started to pull away in the fourth inning. Austin Odell '22 was on the mound for the Bison and only let up one run to the big power-hitting opponent. The two teams were scoreless through the first three innings. The Bison were limited to just three hits in the 3-0 decision.

"I think we came out very strong in all three games. We knew these were going to be tough opponents going into the weekend, but we wanted to show out to the best of our ability. We were able to compete well in the beginning of each game, but unfortunately just could not finish out the way we started. I think we learned a lot from this weekend and we are excited to keep moving forward next weekend at Radford," Cannizzaro said.

The Orange and Blue return to action for a three-game series at Radford beginning on Friday, Feb. 25.

Men's Golf Brings Home 8th After Loyola Intercollegiate

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The Bison men's golf team traveled to Goodyear, Ariz. last weekend to compete in the Loyola Intercollegiate at Palm Valley Golf Club. Finishing with a team score of 1-under 863 after three rounds, the men took eighth place in an extremely competitive field. The Bison were competing against 17 other teams, seven of which had subpar team scores. Jake Maddaloni '25 and Jason Lohwater '22 led the team to a subpar finish after Maddaloni had a final round of 69 and Lohwater finished with an overall score of 4-under 212.

Lohwater led the Bison and finished in a tie for 10th overall out of the 110 players in the field. Alongside him was Maddaloni who

made five birdies which helped lead him to his final score of 3-under-par 69, a career-best for the first year. He finished 1-over for the tournament. Blake Wisdom '23 came in third for the Bison with a 3-over 219 after shooting a solid final round of 2-under 70. Michael Rudnick '25, another first-year, finished with a 6-over 222 and rounded out the weekend with an even 72. Jack Gardner '23 finished 8-over on the tournament with a great first round shooting a 4-under-par 68.

The Bison have until March 26-27 to prepare for their next tournament in Berlin, Md. at Rum Pointe Golf Club hosted by Iona College. They will be headed to Berlin with hopes to defend their title as reigning champions.

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The world of Wordle in 600 words

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Senior Writer

Wordle has taken hold of both the early mornings and late nights of many with its five-letter combinations, giving these times of our days new meaning. A purpose is to stay up until midnight when the new word appears. A conversation topic on the difficulty of a limited six guesses that takes our minds on a treacherous journey for the golden word of the day. A reason to brag for those of us who have been waiting for a game like this to make its way into the public eye, a way for us to put on our retired Boggle and Scrabble hats that have been scrunched up and neglected into the shadows of our closets for years. Those glory days lasted only for a little while, that is until The New York Times saw an opportunity and took it.

Wordle was made public by creator Josh Wardle in October of last year and it really started to gain popularity only a month later. The game that started off as a playful, private challenge for Wardle and his partner was sold in January of 2022 to The New York Times for a mysterious set of seven figures. Wordle players know the endless possibilities that letters, like numbers, can make, but anybody could tell you that seven figures is a lot, no matter the numbers that are used or their combination. This buy-out also created a host of frustrations for Wordle players who claim that the game has changed since The New York Times took it over, and not for the better. Many have claimed that the words have recently become more challenging than they once were. Others complain that they are receiving different words from their friends whose browsers have not refreshed to the new version.

But do I think that Wordle has

changed drastically enough to say the game is ruined? No. Every popular game or app has its initial peak followed by its sharp troughs out of our minds. There will come a time when I don't wake up in the morning and go directly to the Wordle site to maintain my streak, but that is normal and expected. Think about Flappy Bird or Angry Birds. Games pop in and then quickly out of the public eye, no matter who owns those games. And for those who are frustrated and put off by the fact that a giant like The New York Times took over the game, this was bound to happen. A game with this much of a hold on mankind, with this much attention, was not going to stay in the hands of its creator forever. The New York Times was smart to take advantage of a game like Wordle that is as similarly thought-provoking and intellectually challenging as other popular games connected to newspapers and publications, like Sudoku or crossword puzzles.

Wordle is still free and it is still fun. And when it gets old, I won't blame The New York Times for that. But, if it does become a paid game, that is when I'll buy a ticket and step right on the complaining train to join everyone else who has had a bone to pick with Wordle changing. The New York Times has made no comments on its long-term plan for the game and whether it will require a subscription-like many of the newspaper's others. Part of what makes Wordle so enjoyable is the fact that everyone can play and everyone can join in to talk about the day's word. If its accessibility becomes limited in this way, then it might be time to take off my Wordle hat and put it in the depths of my closet with the others until a new word game has a breakthrough.

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A letter to future Bucknell students

I am obsessed with New York City. Many others here at the University are intrigued with the idea of living there, but I would argue that I always have been more so than others. So much so, that when New York City went through COVID I felt so scared for life in the Big Apple as I knew it — the place I always dreamt of living. I fell so in love with this Vogue-produced video, "I Love New York: Whoopi Goldberg, Bella Hadid, and Jeremy O. Harris Celebrate the City," during this time. Within this beautiful homage to New York, the quote that resonates with me most is absolutely "New York makes you feel invincible, it makes you feel invisible. The thing that understands you at your worst, but pushes you towards your best."

"College is not supposed to be the best four years of your life," President John Bravman says while addressing a crowd of parents in a speech at the 2018 annual Family Weekend. Many, arguably most, parents might be relieved at these words, as they are emblematic of the academic rigor and intensity of the University. My parents, however, felt concern over my college years to come; they wanted me to have a fun, enjoyable college experience as a freshman. In the moment of them relaying Bravman's message to me my gut twisted — after all, if they were worried, then I should definitely be worried. From here, I reflected on the reasons why I chose the University in question and whether or not I should actually take on the challenge before me. Imagery of soft cotton sheets and warmth of sunlight that matched the heat of summer around me popped in my head. My mother, during pregnancy, bought herself expensive and luxurious high thread count silk sheets as a treat to herself and a reward for her intense job at the time. I could never leave those sheets when I was a

baby, whether she was in the room or not. My mother's interpretation of this habit was not that I simply was greedy enough to bask in silk sheets all day, but that I wanted the best. That is why I chose the University, and still how I view it to this day: it is the best.

Everyone goes through hardships through college and considering the hardships that I have faced, the majority will call me very much lucky. However, I would be neglecting the reader if I did not point out the dangerous combination of naivety and egoism I embodied my freshman year. I genuinely thought that not only did I want the best, but that I deserved the best. My expectation that the University was supposed to be constant sunshine, friends, and crazy stories, clung to me as the months of freshman year passed. I could not keep my frustrations at bay for more than two semesters, as my own constant mental comparison to those around me furthered my contempt. These frustrations manifested themselves in an abrupt and messy demise to a best friendship — a best friend I made on the first day of Orientation — met with a strong urge to transfer.

Walking into sophomore year, my social life was very much so at a dead halt due to the performative breakup I put on full display. I decided to entertain myself with a more rigorous course load, becoming more active on campus and pushing myself to make new friends in an attempt to claw myself back closer to my expectations; my 'movie' of a college life. I became a TA, a Student Caller and joined the

Bucknellian, for which I write today. My frustrations still continued, as I was by no means good at any of the roles that I played in these institutions, and struggled to feel happy and meaningful. It was not until the beginning of junior year that I finally gave up. Gave up on ego, gave up on what I thought I deserved during the wake of COVID. I learned the things I could live without, and that hard work is what matters when life feels as though it is just not how you want it. It was not until then that I started practicing this gratitude, that I felt my mood and focus improve and genuinely started succeeding in my responsibilities on campus.

Perhaps I think about the University today the way you would think of an ex: grateful, but happy to move forward. While I do still struggle between what is ego and what is self-respect, I am so appreciative of what college has shown me. The University has shown me that work-life provides meaning and stability. I have learned self-awareness. I have learned the purpose of growth and set myself up with a job after college that will provide me with a good life. I have met roommates that I am proud to call my best friends. It is funny what I thought that day in freshman year — eyes gleaming towards life in New York, — because how I felt about New York at the time would later prove to be the way I think about the University now. So even if college is not what you expected it to be, the University is a place that will understand you at your worst, but push you towards your best.

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The efficacy of student demonstrations

Haley Beardsley
Opinions Columnist

The walk-out staged on Monday was nothing short of demanding. Roughly three hundred people, including faculty and students, filled the science quad to protest University cover-up of sexual violence.

Roughly a month ago, former Public Safety Officer Colby Snook filed a lawsuit against the University, declaring he faced a hostile work environment after "blowing the whistle about police misconduct within Bucknell's Public Safety Office." According to the complaint, the male assailant, referred to as M.S. in the complaint, was caught taking photos of an unconsenting young woman in a restroom in McDonnell Hall. The young woman noticed M.S. and called Bucknell Public Safety, who caught him later that evening; consequently, his phone was taken as evidence.

According to the complaint, within the next few days, "Chief Barilar met with M.S.'s parents and spoke with M.S.'s father. Later the next afternoon, M.S. came to the Bucknell Public Safety Office and requested access to his cell phone. Per Chief Barilar's order, Office Middleton removed M.S.'s phone from evidence and gave the phone to Chief Barilar." M.S. had access to his phone a second time at the Bucknell Public Safety Office, during which, it is, "upon information and belief, [he] initiated a factory reset to his phone."

The "misconduct" Snook reported was the delivery of the phone back to the perpetrator, which was ordered by Chief Barilar. Considering all of the information contained in the

complaint, the student's erasure of evidence is presumably a direct result of Barilar's actions. M.S. had other pending charges against him as well as links to previous incidents: "Snook spoke with Chief Barilar about this incident as well as a prior incident (2020 incident) M.S. was linked to. Chief Barilar told Snook that they should keep the prior incident (a harassment charge) against M.S. internal, which meant no criminal charges would be brought." Although it is unclear with only limited context, the desire to remain "internal" was seemingly applied to the 2021 harassment, an act that could potentially add difficulty to the pursuit of the young woman's Title IX case as well as any desired subsequent criminal lawsuit.

If M.S. was a repeat offender, how many times have his cases remained "internal?" Could there have been more evidence of harassment than that of the May 2021 incident? How many women have been equally disserved by Barilar's—albeit alleged—corroboration?

Students became privy to the case after a news article broke in NorthCentralPA five weeks ago. The news intersected with recent brewing conversation about increased sexual violence on campus. There has been consistent concern about the silencing of victim-survivors and attainability of pursuing University action against perpetrators. All in conjunction with the disappointing and inappropriate response, as per students perspective, from Public Safety to the Fran's House

incident in May 2020. Distrust in Public Safety has been augmenting, and the pressure finally is giving way—at least for the students.

The University has yet to release a statement concerning its support of the week-long student demonstrations. While the University is prohibited from commenting on the on-going case, it is permitted to comment on the current mistrust of Public Safety, lack of security felt by students, the incomparable epidemic of sexual violence on campus, and the two demands—written by organizers and supported by protest attendees—that are far from unreasonable.

While the walk-out is a tried-and-true method for students to gain University attention, there are caveats. Consistency is non-negotiable. The bombardment of administration with letters, calls, emails, and more walkouts is the only sustainable way for students to push the change we want to see; however, bombardment has a limit when we are writing papers, applying for jobs, and all the other quotidian activities of college life.

There is one thing the University consistently responds to: money. The University is beholden to the source of its sustenance whether that be parents, donors or alumni. While we do our part through peaceful action, urge your financial support systems to do the same. For donors and alumni, are you still proud to be connected to a University that is neglecting its students?

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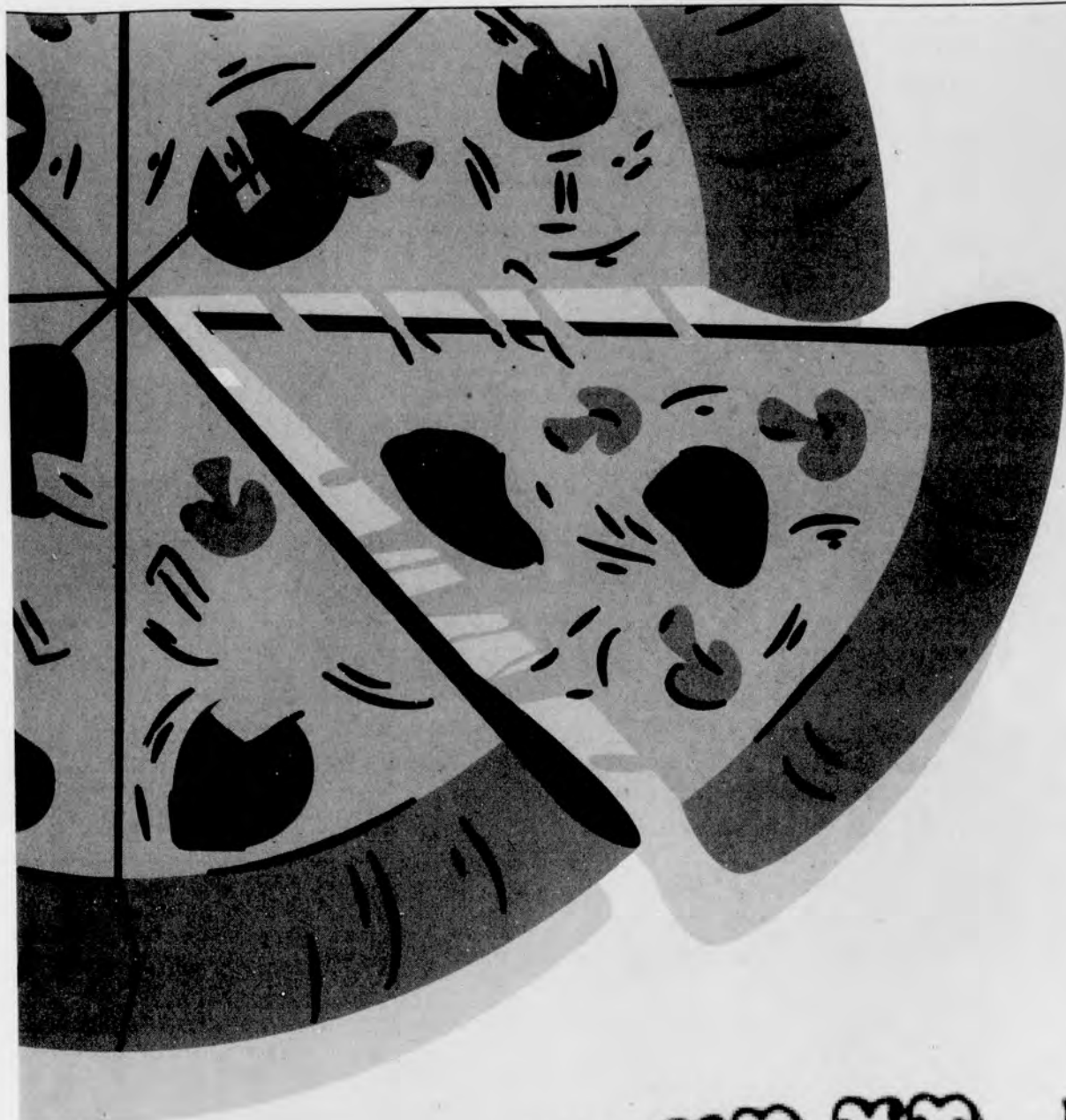
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National Eating Disorder Awareness Week

Juliette Gaggini,
Senior Writer

The week of February 21 to February 27 marks the annual National Eating Disorder Awareness (NEDA) Week. As stated on NEDA's website, the campaign runs to "educate the public about the realities of eating disorders and to provide hope, support and visibility to individuals and families affected by eating disorders."

An eating disorder is diagnosed as having sustained unhealthy and unmanageable eating habits. Eating disorders are both mental and physical illnesses that can affect people of any age and gender. Furthermore, eating disorders have the second-highest mortality rate of all mental health disorders, following behind the leading cause of mortality, opioid addiction. The conversations around eating disorders are often underplayed and normalized in today's society.

According to the NEDA website, eating disorders affect nine percent of the population worldwide, and 28.8 million Americans are said to struggle with eating disorders at some point in their lives. Eating disorders do not present themselves in the same manner for everyone. Less than six percent of people diagnosed with an eating disorder are medically diagnosed as "underweight."

Throughout the pandemic, food anxiety and food-related triggers have risen across the country, regardless of having a history of an eating disorder. The stigmatization of eating disorders and how people assume they will present are a big issue with diagnosing and addressing eating disorders. There are numerous types of eating disorders, but the two most common are anorexia nervosa and bulimia.

Recent statistics surrounding eating disorders evoke further concern, particularly on college campuses. People ranging in age from 15-24 who suffer from anorexia have 10 times the risk of dying compared to others their age. Males are at an even higher risk of mortality as they are often diagnosed later than females or not at all due to the stigmatization of eating disorders and the assumption that men generally do not have them.

Along with the generally overwhelmingly high rates of eating disorders and disordered eating statistics on college campuses, athletes on these campuses also face a high risk of developing these issues. According to NEDA, one third of Division I NCAA female athletes reported attitudes and symptoms which put them at risk of anorexia nervosa. While this is a huge amount of women at risk, male athletes, especially in sports that emphasize their weight and appearance, are also at great risk.

If eating disorders are so prevalent, especially in young adults, why then is the conversation still so stigmatized? Oftentimes, eating disorders are misconceived as a lifestyle choice as opposed to a mental health issue or a physical illness. In order to break this stigma, we must encourage open dialogue and education on the topic. Breaking the stigma around mental health issues and eating disorders cannot be done overnight. However, positive change can be made over time by moving the greater conversation in a new more informed and promising direction.

Though many of the statistics surrounding eating disorders are grim and upsetting, part of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week is to educate people on what they are and how to overcome them or help others overcome them. The NEDA website includes tabs detailing warning signs, treatment plans and prevention efforts.

National Eating Disorder Awareness Week encourages open discussions and tools for treatment and prevention. If you or someone you know is struggling with an eating disorder, there are resources on campus, such as Student Health and the Counseling & Student Development Center, as well as on the NEDA website. The Counseling & Student Development Center currently offers mental health services by video and in-person appointments and can be reached at (570-577-1604), or at their crisis service line, 570-577-1604.





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Jack Harlow coming to Bucknell for spring 2022 concert

Earlier this week, the University Concert Committee confirmed to the *Bucknellian* that Jack Harlow will be performing on campus for the annual spring concert series. The concert is scheduled to take place Friday, April 22 at 8 p.m. on the Sojka Lawn.

Austin Bednarz '22, president of the committee, said "Jack Harlow will bring an energy to this campus that has not been experienced before. Bucknell will be poppin'!"

Plauding sleek flows, nimble wordplay, unpredictable rhyme patterns and vast ambition, Jack

Harlow raps with old school dedication and raw individuality. With Forbes declaring Harlow to be "poised for hip-hop nobility," the Louisville, KY-born artist defies eras and sharpens a smooth signature style on his latest release, *That's What They All Say*, which features the six-time platinum-certified, Grammy-nominated hit "WHAT'S POPPIN'" and others artists like Big Sean, Lil Baby, Adam Levin, and Chris Brown.

Harlow made his introduction to the rap game with a pair of fan favorite independent mixtapes — 18 [2016] and

Gazebo [2017] — before headlining his first tour and playing festivals. After signing to Generation Now & Atlantic Records in 2018, he released *Loose*, which was nominated for "Best Mixtape" at the 2019 BET Hip Hop Awards. 2019's *Confetti* arrived to acclaim from Rolling Stone, Complex, Billboard, FADER and XXL and featured the lead single "THRU THE NIGHT," featuring fellow Louisville, KY-native, Bryson Tiller.

Now in post-covid 2021, Jack Harlow finds himself on top of the world with a feature in the

latest *Fast & the Furious* film F9, a sold out national tour, and one of the biggest songs globally "Industry Baby" with Lil Nas X. The duo performed their hit together at the 2021 VMAs and walked the red carpet at the Met Gala the next day. The song reached #1 on Spotify in the US and #2 globally. It also peaked at #1 on the Billboard Hot 100 list. But if you ask the artist how he feels, his only response is "I'm not done yet."

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A fix for food insecurity? SNAP is available to students

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Some might have thought the posters around campus advertising SNAP being available for college students indicated a new policy change by the University. But no: the news is instead a product of Dr. Steve Jordan's Food/Environmental Dinner Seminar, whose class' research brought them to this discovery.

SNAP is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which is a federal nutrition assistance program that helps people buy food and increase their grocery store purchasing power through an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) ACCESS Card. In Pennsylvania alone, as of August 2021, there were 1.8 million people receiving SNAP food benefits. While the extent of SNAP eligibility for students has recently expanded, student access to this program is nothing new.

Dr. Jordan's class was informed of this through Rachel Herman, the Sustainable Food Solutions Vista at Union County Food Hub, run by the Union-Snyder Community Action Agency.

"That's when we started to do research, like 'are students eligible to get SNAP?' So this was like, weeks of just calling the Pennsylvania government and going on COMPASS' website, and seeing if we were able to. There were a few flops here and there... But a couple of students were able to get through with it in which we found out it was official, but we didn't want to just keep that word in," Krystell Ewing '24 said, a member of the dinner seminar.

Students are eligible for SNAP if they meet the income requirements and meet at least one of the following: are younger than 18 or older than 50, have young children, have a physical or mental disability, are working 20 hours a week or more, participate in a state or federally

financed work study program, or receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), among other qualifications.

Additionally, as a result of COVID, the US Department of Agriculture has also expanded its eligibility limitations to include college students (defined as at least half-time student) with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$0 based on their FAFSA or who are eligible to participate in a federal or state work-study program during the current academic year. Students who meet only one of these requirements have to meet other SNAP eligibility requirements in order to receive benefits. This eligibility will remain in place until 30 days after the public health emergency ends.

"Having a supermarket where you can weigh your options out, you have more accessible to you... For students who don't have a swipe plan at all, like who need to get their actual revenues, I feel like SNAP definitely helps in that case, because they not only can buy snacks, but they can buy meat, veggies, fruit... It's just so much," Ewing said.

Given the prevalent conversation about food insecurity on the University's campus through both last year's protests to increases in meal plan prices and the results of the Food and Nutrition Task Force's report from October, the dinner seminar's conversation started with the food resources on campus.

"We were talking about B-Eats... but then that's when we started bringing up our issues: sometimes we're able to go to B-Eats and find what we need but sometimes it's not fully stocked. It's kind of empty. And then like the hours that they say that they're stocking is not fully up to date, like it doesn't really line up with what they're saying," Ewing said. This is why they started looking for other

reliable options for students to get their food.

Ewing also noted that many of the students saw the dinner seminar as a food resource itself, citing that one of their reasons for joining was the once-a-week free meal.

After a few students' successes with qualifying for SNAP benefits, the seminar students sought a way to inform other students of SNAP and other local and accessible food resources. Collaboratively, the class created a website connecting students not only directly to COMPASS to apply for SNAP but to other University campus services and a couple of off campus resources to mitigate food insecurity.

On-campus resources on the Food4BU website include the B-Swipes Donation Program and the B-Eats food pantry. With help from Feed the Herd, Food4BU also features information about food pantries' and distribution sites both within walking distance and those that can be reached with other forms of transportation, including the Union County Food Hub which is directly behind the Giant, accessible by the shuttle.

"Our motive here is really just to get the word out and to let people know that these resources are available to them. Because there's several people out here just on a \$700 [Dining Dollars per semester] plan, barely making it, because tuition is already high enough, housing is already high enough, and so is dining," Ewing said.

"But hopefully, more people will be open to trying it out because there's also a stigma against... government assistance, but just showing them that it's normal. We're all college students and we're all going through it — we need money. So it's a great resource," Ewing said.

5 THINGS to put on your to-do list

Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

Artist Talk: Culture, Art & Science

Sierra Pete, a member of the Navajo Nation, artist and University Masters Biology student, will have a discussion about her art pieces, and other themes, on Monday at 6 p.m. in the Weis Center Atrium. Her pieces — including original ceramic pieces and hand crafted pow-wow dance shawls — will be kept there from March 7-March 11.

Sorority and Fraternity Recruitment Interest Form is Live

Olivia Libby, Director of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs, has released the interest forms for joining Greek life in the Fall of 2022 semester through the Message Center Digest on March 1. Signing up will include the students in informational emails and other updates as they come from the office. There are separate forms for both fraternities and sororities.

Emerging Scholars Information Session

At noon on March 8, an informational meeting for the Emerging Scholars program will be held over Zoom. The program provides a stipend of

\$425/week for up to 10 weeks, in addition to on-campus housing, for eligible students taking part in full-time research, scholarship or creativity under the mentorship of faculty or staff. For more information, check the program's website.

Applications are now open to be a Commencement Ambassador

The Events Management Office (EMO) is seeking applicants to participate in "preparing and executing various events throughout Commencement weekend," according to a post on the Message Center Digest by Aleece Butler, Assistant Director of Events Management. Applicants must be on campus from May 19-May 23. The posting does not specify the time commitment, or if the position is paid. Those interested can fill out the application form, from the Message Center on March 2.

Registration for Spring Break Housing is available

According to an email from Housing Services, all campus residences will be closing on March 11 at 5 p.m. and will not reopen until March 20 at noon. Any student that needs to be able to enter their housing throughout break must complete the "Spring Break Registration" form in myHOME. The form will close on March 10 at 4:30 p.m.

breaking the bubble

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News Co-Editor

DOMESTIC

President Biden held his first State of the Union address Tuesday night. Biden's talking points ranged from the war in Ukraine, rising inflation across the country, the COVID-19 Pandemic and more. Biden, notably, addressed Russian President Putin by name, referring to the invasion as "Putin's latest attack..." Biden also announced that the U.S. will ban Russian airlines from American airspace, according to ABC News.

According to The Hill, the state of Colorado will now accept different cryptocurrencies for tax payments. Gov. Jared Polis also said in the announcement that the state is hoping to allow crypto to be used for buying driver's licenses, hunting licenses and a select other fees. The Hill also reported that 17 other states have enacted legislation in 2021 related to crypto.

INTERNATIONAL

As of Wednesday, the Russian invasion of Ukraine has intensified, with the Los Angeles Times reporting that a massive military convoy has surrounded Kyiv. The Guardian reported that the convoy is estimated to be roughly 40 miles long and could hint at Russia's potential strategy for taking the city. These reports also come as the UN voted to condemn Russia's invasion in an emergency session, calling for the country to withdraw from the state, according to the Guardian.

According to Reuters, the Taliban has tightened their grip on Afghanistan, restricting travel for citizens outside of the country. Zabihullah Mujahid said on Sunday in a press conference that Afghans are not permitted to leave the country without a specific destination and that women are not allowed to travel overseas for educational purposes without a male guardian. Reuters reported that the news has raised concerns of the US and UK over fears of the Taliban tampering with evacuation efforts.

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University responds to misconduct allegations by former PSafe officer Snook

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In a filing from Feb. 23, the University responded to allegations levied by former Public Safety officer Colby Snook in a January complaint, requesting that the suit be dismissed. Snook alleged that the University created a hostile work environment after he complained that former Chief Steve Barilar permitted the destruction of evidence related to a student misconduct case.

"In support of the motion, Bucknell cites the absence of any evidence of wrongdoing in the allegations made by the plaintiff and denies that the plaintiff was discharged after reporting the alleged 'wrongdoing' to the Union County District Attorney. The plaintiff resigned from the University, and the University denies that he was mistreated by other Bucknell employees," read a press release by Director of Media Relations Mike Ferlazzo.

Scott Pollins '91, Snook's lawyer, told the Bucknellian, "Mr. Snook and I are reviewing Bucknell University's preliminary objections to our complaint."

The first page of the University's brief argues that, "While Plaintiff [Snook] is no-doubt disgruntled, he is neither a victim nor a hero," and that his suit should be dismissed.

"We disagree with Bucknell's claim that Mr. Snook is not a hero," Pollins said, as "Blowing the whistle in a law enforcement setting demands great courage and carries great risks. One such risk is being labeled disgruntled."

The University's brief also read that Snook's allegations "amount to nothing more than a disagreement with how his boss [Chief Barilar] handled a specific case, not some exposure of unlawful conduct that is covered by the Whistleblower Law."

Snook, through his complaint, expressed concerns that Barilar permitted the destruction of evidence related to that student misconduct case, and alleged the creation of a hostile work environment.

"We will respond to Bucknell's recent filing within the time required by the rules of procedure. We look forward to continuing our pursuit of justice for Mr. Snook," Pollins said.

Blowing the whistle in a law enforcement setting demands great courage and carries great risks. One such risk is being labeled disgruntled.

"Bucknell is aware that the plaintiff's complaint to the Union County District Attorney was forwarded to the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office over six months ago. Bucknell has not received any official contact from the Attorney General suggesting

that the investigation will result in any charges, but it is prepared and willing to cooperate in the investigation, should it move forward," Ferlazzo's press release concluded.

One of the key aspects of Snook's complaint was the allegation that a male student — under investigation for invading the privacy of a female student — "was permitted to destroy potentially relevant evidence by re-setting his phone."

The University countered by saying that, after the male suspect was detained, Barilar "met with the detained student's parents, who complained to the Chief that their son needed access to his phone to log in to the University's online exam platform."

The University's brief clarifies that it's referring to its "dual authentication" system, currently administered through Duo. This system requires a "second factor" of authentication — beyond a password — to access much of the University's systems; Duo is often solely installed on students' personal cell phones to do so.

The University's L&IT website states that, should a student lose access to their Duo-enabled device, they "can come to the Tech Desk for assistance and direction. During evenings, weekends, and holidays, students can request a one-time use Duo emergency passcode" to regain access to their account.

The University continued by explaining that Snook "allegedly raised an objection to this procedure with the Chief, and

he also noted that he disagreed with the decision not to bring criminal charges against M.S. [the male student] for a separate incident that had occurred in 2020."

While Plaintiff [Snook] is no-doubt disgruntled, he is neither a victim nor a hero.

Snook's original complaint alleged that he "learned that M.S. was a suspect in multiple similar incidents where female students were victimized. These prior incidents took place on campus in 2020 and 2021."

He then continues, offering that Chief Barilar decided to keep the 2020 case internal and declined to pursue criminal charges, and that Barilar prevented him from sending a "records preservation request" to Apple for an iCloud account owned by M.S.

Ultimately, Snook says, M.S. initiated a factory reset on his phone, removing all user-accessible data from the device. The University argued that Snook, however, "offers no allegations (never mind factually supported ones) that suggest that anyone at Bucknell knew,

authorized, or intended that the student would supposedly wipe evidence from his phone — because they did not."

"At best," the University continued, "Plaintiff [Snook] alleges that M.S. — not Bucknell, Chief Barilar, or Public Safety — committed a wrongdoing and that Bucknell should have taken better care to prevent it. Again, that is not a violation of any regulation or statute."

According to the University, Snook didn't argue either that the District Attorney was pursuing charges against M.S., or that the victim sought to file charges against M.S. because he "cannot" do so. Thus, anything Barilar decided in this context would have been "a lawful exercise of his law enforcement discretion, not a violation of law," according to the University.

"Officers routinely disagree with their superiors about how to resolve a matter. To allow a lawsuit to proceed when the only allegation is that a line officer is displeased with the decision of his superior," the University argued, "would grind law enforcement to a halt."

The following pages of the University's brief argue that Snook was not "constructively terminated" because he never made reports of wrongful conduct by his peers or superior to the University, and that "he voluntarily resigned." The University also says that Snook's claims of "few comments by fellow officers, although apparently hurtful to Plaintiff [Snook], fail to rise to the level of a hostile workplace."

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University's rise in textbook prices match national trend

William Medeiros
 Contributing Writer

It is no secret that textbooks seem overpriced. According to educationdata.org, between 1977 and 2015 the cost of textbooks for college-level education increased by over tenfold. The University is no exception, with many students reporting sizable costs for their course materials.

The total price incidence varies heavily by students' intended/declared major and which specific section of a class they enroll in. Some students, such as engineers, benefit from purchasing textbooks — they can utilize one textbook for multiple classes and semesters. Others are not so lucky.

Paige Deertz '23, a junior majoring in Psychology and Studio Art, rented four physical textbooks from Barnes & Noble at Bucknell University. Her total bill was roughly \$400.

"[It's] annoying to rent textbooks for a large sum of money, only to find out that some of my classes barely utilize, if not ignore, the texts for class instruction," she said.

Don Royal, regional manager for Barnes & Noble College, responded to the Bucknellian's inquiry on the matter with the following statement:

"The pandemic has had a profound impact on higher education and on the entire publishing industry. The disruptions to product availability; supply chain issues; increased costs for paper, materials, delivery and labor; as well as factory closures have impacted textbook costs."

"Our mission is to help students succeed — and ensuring they have access to the most affordable course materials is core to that commitment," he added. "Our role as the bookstore is to provide the course materials that faculty select for their classes each term. That includes content from over 6,000 publishers as well as custom course materials."

"We work closely with publishers to maintain an industry-leading selection of affordable textbooks, allowing students and faculty to choose from the flexibly priced rental, digital and used textbook offerings."

Royal also pointed to the 'Price Match' Program, which allows students to use a lower price from another bookstore that they may have found instead of the listed price at the University bookstore.

Illuminating statistics from educationdata.com provide some context with regards to the monopolistic behaviors in the textbook industry. Pre-COVID, the publishing industry has seen a gradual decline in the higher education sector, from \$4.5 billion in 2015 to \$3.23 billion in 2019.

The initial impact of COVID on the higher education divisions of these publishers has been significant, but they are easily bouncing back with their digital learning products.

Pearson, an education and media giant, saw a 32 percent growth in Q3 of 2020. With the pandemic straining supply chains and increasing physical textbook prices, the shift to digital resources for higher education has also seen increased growth. Cengage saw a 40 percent year-over-year growth in online resources since the pandemic began, with digital sales now offsetting the loss in revenues from declining hard copy book sales.

That being said, many believe that paper textbooks and resources are more beneficial for students' learning needs.

Biology professor Steve Jordan explained that he recognizes that textbooks can be a huge financial burden on students.

"We often use older versions of the textbook that can be purchased at much lower prices," he said. "Newer editions of some textbooks are not radically different from old versions, and so inexpensive editions work just fine, especially in introductory courses."

He continued, "I recognize that there are students who may learn just fine from e-textbooks, while others do much better with a physical copy of the book. I personally prefer to spend as little time on screens as possible, and I prefer the convenience of paper. But if students honestly feel like they can properly focus on an e-text, and learn from it, then I trust them to decide, of course."

SMIF applications are drawing to a close

Dora Kreitzer
 Assistant News Editor

Whether it's through popular investment app Robinhood, cryptocurrencies, or some other medium, it seems that everyone has gotten involved with some form of investing these past few years.

But one Accounting and Financial Management class gives upperclassmen students the opportunity to get real investment and portfolio management experience — without risking their own personal savings.

The Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF) is made up of two courses, ACFM 375 and 476, and allows students to manage \$3.6 million in real University endowment funds. Applications for next year's course closes on March 11.

"Successful candidates have learned many of the required technical skills in their accounting and finance courses, in SMIF our analysts apply those skills and learn some new ones," explained Frank Schreiner, Co-Director of SMIF and Associate Professor of Managerial Practice. "They also learn to become comfortable with Wall Street jargon, which usually isn't found in the textbooks."

Open to students since 2000, the class is an application-only

capstone for seniors and second-semester juniors to "apply their knowledge of portfolio management, asset allocation, accounting, economics, business strategy and statistics" and "sharpen their negotiation, communications and leadership skills," as written on the Accounting & Financial Management website.

Enrolled students participate in different committees—including PAR, Stakeholder Communications, Econ & Strategy, Fixed Income, Derivatives, Corporate Governance, Administration — and cover different economic sectors, such as Consumer Discretionary, Health Care, Consumer Staples, Materials, Financials, Energy, Communications, Utilities, Technology, Industrials and REITS (Real Estate Investment Trust).

Students are placed in committees based on their preferences and where the faculty advisors see them fit best.

Schreiner said that teamwork is an important aspect of the course because students need to collaborate with each other on pitching ideas.

The class works collaboratively on the portfolio benchmark, asset allocation and what securities they buy and sell

throughout the first semester.

Then, in the second semester, students are responsible for creating investment theses, which are an in-depth macro and financial valuation of a new security to add to the portfolio.

Schreiner said that the day-to-day for students varies throughout the semester, but that the course moves fast.

"Over the course of the year, the analysts select and maintain a benchmark, an asset allocation, equity sector weights, as well as fixed income duration and credit quality. We discuss the economy, financial markets, and how we are performing relative to our benchmark [in] almost every class," Schreiner said.

Each student makes their pitch to the class, the group discusses and often challenges the proposal, and they all vote on whether to approve the stock,

which requires a 66 percent approval to pass. Schreiner and Curtis Nicholls, an additional faculty advisor to the program, actually execute the trades.

With COVID-19 increasing the volatility of international markets, Schreiner believes SMIF was able to teach students of the risks of investing.

"In addition to COVID-19, the students have managed the portfolio through a presidential election, a recession, inflation and now a major war in Europe. We hope that they also come to understand that risk, and the volatility that comes with it, often creates opportunity," Schreiner said.

Tory Walworth '22, member of the Derivatives Committee covering Energy, spoke about her time with SMIF this year.

"SMIF is an incredibly hands-on experience... I've learned so much from this class and would

highly recommend it to anyone interested in a career in financial services," Walworth said.

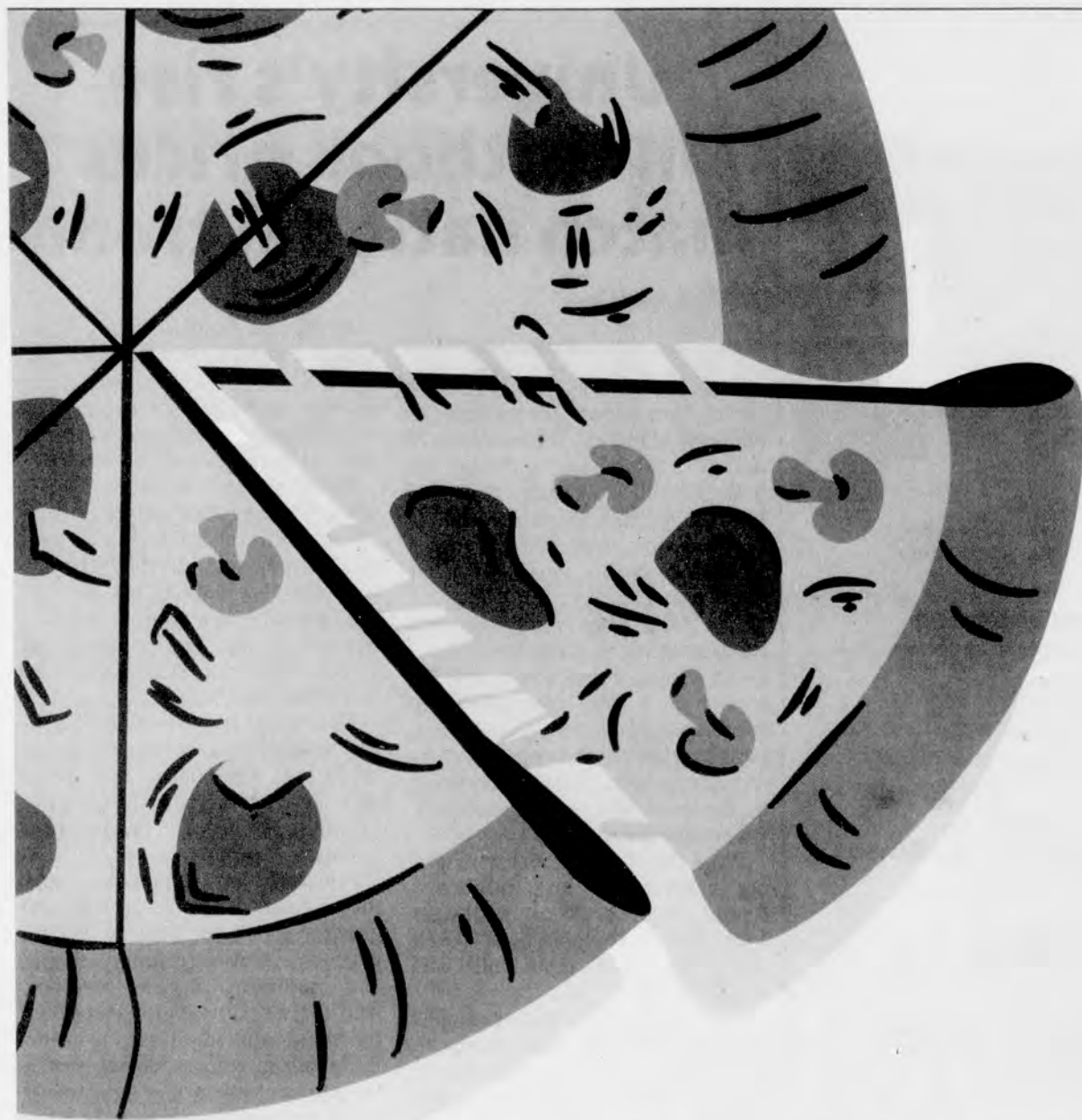
Schreiner wanted to emphasize that the funds for the program are part of the University's endowment.

"Our primary goal is to provide SMIF students with a top-notch experiential learning program that teaches them exactly how institutional investing works," Schreiner said. "The other important aspect of SMIF is that it is part of Bucknell's endowment, which ultimately funds many things, including student financial aid. Our analysts learn that the availability of future student aid here is largely dependent on the investment returns of Bucknell's endowment."

"In other words, we can make a difference."



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Here are some new sports we should introduce to Bucknell

AJ Lawrence
Senior Writer

When doing college searches, one of the first things prospective students may look at are a college's athletics program. Getting scholarships, especially athletic ones, can really sway a student's choice on where to go. So, many athletes hope to get a scholarship in their sport from the school of their dreams, but it can be very difficult to get a scholarship due to the competitiveness that comes from colleges wanting to make the best sports teams.

A college's sports teams can bring in lots of money to a school. This makes having the best team possible important, so schools will only give scholarships to the best athletes they can find. But if sports bring in money, why don't schools just expand the number of teams they have? In an effort to inspire more support for sports in colleges and universities, and to shed light on some less common sports, here are sports that we think should be introduced to the University as proper athletic teams.

First off, a men's volleyball team and a women's wrestling team. These sports already exist elsewhere, so why not bring them here? And in relation to wrestling, we believe that Boxing should be brought to the university. It certainly is more dangerous than wrestling, however it is still a certified and legal sport. Athletes already get hurt

plenty in the sports we do have, so it wouldn't be too different.

Next up is Archery, an extremely fun sport for leisure or competition. This is a sport that has been at the Olympics for a long time and that kids will try out in fifth grade once, before dropping it or continuing for as long as they live. Archery can be a great introduction into hunting or the local Renaissance Fair for many, and its versatility in types of competitions can make it great for teams getting filled.

We'd also recommend making a D1 Disc Golf team at the University. Disc Golf combines the rules and play format of golf with the needed skill to properly throw a frisbee in the right direction. It's a great option for those who enjoy sports but not ones that require large amounts of physical exertion. It comes with the hilarity of the discs getting stuck in trees or bushes, which is frankly more interesting than golf.

A final sport that the University should introduce is the time honored competitive sport with short time limits: Cup Stacking. Being able to master quickly setting up and taking down cups in various pyramids and stacks is truly a marker of athletic prowess, so why not support that here at the University? Cup Stacking, or Speed Stacking as it's known professionally, has existing national and international competitions, so arranging collegiate competitions and finding students to recruit should be a breeze.

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- Bad wifi
- Guests (inaccessible)

Man only reads tabloids to avoid any Real News

Maximus Bean
Satire Co-Editor

Let's face it, all the news is depressing. It either makes you angry enough to spitfire at it for the rest of the day, or it demoralizes you and leaves you susceptible to advertisements about drugs, food and exercise gear. That's why town local Jerry Canner only reads tabloids. According to our sources, he's been reading them for the last decade or so, and has a happiness level of 90.97 percent on the Richter scale, which is a 30 percent increase above the average.

"Coronavirus? That's just a fancy name for flu, right?" Canner asked, having never heard of COVID-19. "Why are you wearing that thing on your face?" Upon explanation, he immediately became confused. "What do you mean? I'm not seeing that in the National Enquirer." He shrugged and went about his day, not asking about my vaccination status, which has become customary since the last two years.

Normally, people display their preferred vaccine company on their arms. Since I am an honest reporter that cannot be bought, I do not brandish mine, despite being often asked. However I did very proudly get the PB&J vaccine, which is ranked the best pharmaceutical company. And no, I am not at all being financially compensated for any mention whatsoever of the best vaccine company out there, the PB&J Pharmaceutical company. I have a link to their website in my bio if you need it. If you mention my name when calling for an appointment, you'll get 15 percent or more off your order if you spend over \$75.

Anyways, despite Mr. Canner never noticing this, he of course asked about the mask I wore since 2020. Wearing a mask, no matter how old, is still better than "free-breathing." It has a cool design, okay? I'm still wearing the same socks, too, but no one seems to care about that. Nevertheless, that distracts from the main point of Mr. Canner's ignorance of the world today.

When asked about other topical issues, Canner appeared to know nothing about Amazon, hit television shows, higher prices or the presidential election since he last read the weekly newspaper in 2012 and once in 2017, when he accidentally glanced at a copy of the Delaware Times.

"I don't get it, why are prices so high nowadays? I can't afford anything for my keto diet, but at least gas is at a normal price, I guess." The average price of gas in 2012 was \$3.60.

Canner continues on, commenting that "I went to the bank the other day, and I saw someone wearing a facemask. I thought we were about to get robbed! In fact, don't even get me started on when I went to donate blood!" Still, he smiles at least 16 hours of the day, that is, when he isn't sleeping. I know because after he shoed me away for telling him "all this news nonsense." I got to watch him laugh as he walked around town as I stayed in the safety of a nearby bush.

Student crisis over scarce parking

Juliette Gaggini
Satire Co-Editor

The campus community is outraged over a lack of parking available on campus - specifically students who decide they can't walk over five minutes to get to their classes.

Much of the student body's anger stems from the very existence of staff parking lots. Many students are claiming that there are too many staff parking lots and that the staff should just walk to work because it is "unfair that they have to walk from RTK to Holmes Hall." One student who drives from the Senior Apartments to the library every day claims that, "if there wasn't so much wasted space on staff parking, I wouldn't have to drive around campus five times before finding a spot."

Instead of investing in the outdated form of transportation

known as the "bicycle," students would rather contribute to the steady decline of the environment as we know it by turning on their cars an average of 10 times a day and still managing to complain that the walk from the McDonnell parking lot to the quad is too far.

"I love the environment and everything I do is to protect Mother Nature, but forcing me to walk to class and the constant threat of parking tickets is a serious issue here," said student Johnny Appleseed '24. "One kid driving to class isn't gonna change anything." In contradiction to his point, statistics show that approximately 95 percent of students with cars on campus drive to class every day. The remaining five percent get rides from the students with cars, and have thus been lobbying fiercely for an HOV lane on Fraternity Drive.

Students, many of which argue that the campus needs more

greenery, are also advocating to create more parking lots on campus. While it may not seem visible to the naked eye, there are many places on campus where new parking lots could be built and would create a safe walking distance from students' cars to their classes. One great spot is the Science Quad, as most students sit on the main quad anyways.

Other students argue that the campus is too steep and forces them to show up to class sweaty if they walk. Interestingly, most of the students that have a problem with walking to class are the same ones that walk to and from the frats three nights a week. "Forcing students to go outside and breathe in fresh air everyday is a violation of my freedom. If in order to drive to my classes I have to rack up 15 parking tickets by the end of the semester so be it," said student Parker Driverson '23.

A letter from a concerned citizen

Maximus Bean
Satire Co-Editor

To the Editor of The Bucknellian,

As my name suggests, I am nothing more than a concerned observer. I have been around campus for a long time, especially in the Lewisburg area, and I have thus seen many concerning trends occurring on campus proper, the first of which being the Bucknellian itself - it prides itself on being the memento of witnessed student activities and those various developments of campus life. However, there are many issues that we as a community face, and as such, I believe it would be wise to discontinue such practices, or risk the wrath of the administration, i.e. making food from Bostwick the standard across all mess halls.

The first of these many issues is continuing the investigation into where the funds from the latest price hike in tuition (now \$77,104) is going. Although student input is vital to a functioning and conscientious campus, there are questions that should

never be answered because it would be a grave violation of good order. Although the administration supports the advocacy of student voice (particularly when student voices emit the correct questions and responses), the inquisitive nature of tuition money spending presents an issue that cannot be waved away lightly, and thus should be disregarded altogether. This very much relates to the advent of "free speech" on campus, wherein some students and members of the faculty complain that they are not able to "speak freely" about tuition and other similar issues. While I respect the students' autonomy and ability immensely, I must side with the administration and reproach such dissenters from stepping out of line. It is vital that to keep reasonable order on campus, some questions and speech must be censured for the public good. It just so happens that such limits on "free speech" does include tuition questions, no matter what some people in Chicago may think about it. If you truly wish to complain so badly, then you are welcome to go off-campus.

I must admit that despite these problems, there are indeed some among them that deserve policy attention, such as the revocation of mask mandates around spring break and a more sustainable, eco-friendly campus. The administration, president included, have also been involved with such student efforts such as food insecurity, safety on campus, and local scientific research based around bat-diseases and similar flying rodent-related afflictions. This is not to mention that the administration has been ever vigilant in keeping campus open since the end of 2020, and has continued to remain open, even as other campuses have shut their doors in light of the other variants (Mu included). For these accomplishments alone, I have been proud to call the University truly adjacent to my place of residence.

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About

Looking for a job can be a daunting and sometimes discouraging endeavor, at any stage in your undergraduate or even post-grad career. Feelings of frustration, uncertainty or indecision all might be hard to overcome without any recommendations or support from someone with more insight. Luckily, through the Center for Career Advancement (CCA), the University provides students with useful tools and resources to guide them through the job-search process.

Experience

Through the platform Handshake, students can schedule counseling appointments with the CCA. Students can choose from a variety of categories which encompass many stages in the job search process, ranging from internship searches to job searches, career coaching, graduate school planning, resume review and more. There is even a category called “I don’t know where to start!” Handshake allows students to view and register for upcoming career events on campus which include career fairs, networking events, Q&A sessions on specific paths, alumni panels and more. The platform also serves as a database that lists thousands of current job opportunities to which students can apply. These opportunities include full-time and part-time employment, internships, as well as on-campus jobs. Students can filter jobs by location, type, industry, majors, or employers. Often, students are able to apply directly on the platform, for an easier, more straightforward process. Direct messages can be sent to employers and recruiters through Handshake. Director of Education and Career Readiness for the CCA Sarah Bell notes that Handshake is central to their activity as an office. However, Bell also recommends using a multi-search method when looking for jobs, as employers use a variety of recruitment methods.

When asking Bell about advice for graduating seniors she says, “Remember the first job is just that—your first position. As you gain experience and learn more about what you like and are good at, your career will evolve and you will find the next best step to take. A search for that first job can feel a bit overwhelming if you are open to anything—we recommend having some type of focus in terms of the type of work, location, skills you want to use, or problem you want to solve, however, the search will not be a straight line and go according to plan. Interesting and exciting opportunities will often present themselves if you remain open-minded and willing to take risks.”

For any student conducting a job or internship search, Bell also recommends utilizing the University’s rich alumni network. Getting recognized in a sea of applications is easier when someone can personally advocate for your application. Students can access an alumni directory through the CCA website, Bucknell Connect, and the University’s LinkedIn page. Bucknell Connect is an online platform, also available through a mobile app, that allows students to access an alumni database and connect with Bucknellians worldwide. Students can create a profile integrated with their LinkedIn while gaining access to University career resources. Bell emphasizes that staying organized and following up with alumni and recruiters is essential. “Keep notes on what steps you have taken with companies and individuals. An Excel or Google sheet can be very helpful in tracking who you’ve talked with, what opportunities you’ve applied to and when and who you haven’t heard back from yet. Prompt follow up is also important. Thank you notes are noted and appreciated by the employers and alumni you interact with when networking or interviewing,” Bell said.

Sophomore students can even get experience in the job world through externships, which are one-or-two day shadowing opportunities hosted by alumni, parents, or friends of the University. Externships occur over winter break in multiple locations and interested students should reach out to Rachel Redmond, the assistant director of Alumni Career Services for more information on this program.

Career counseling with staff members from the CCA is a great way to learn helpful skills and receive guidance regarding a variety of job-search questions or concerns. Katie Holmbeck ’22 explains how the CCA helped with her interview preparation. She says, “Before I met with a member of the CCA staff on the day before an interview, I was very nervous and not sure how to prepare. The CCA helped me to anticipate the kinds of questions that I would be asked and also gave me advice for handling difficult questions.” Students are also encouraged to stop by the CCA, located in the Botany building, during walk-in hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Bison Tennis enjoys successful weekend

Justin Schaumberger
Sports Co-Editor

The men's and women's tennis teams took to the courts this weekend, each playing a pair of matches. Both squads finished 1-1 on the weekend with victories with both teams coming against Saint Francis (PA).

For the men, the victory over Saint Francis was their 3rd win in their past 4 dual meets. Harrison Gold '24 and Tim Zelikovsky '24 teamed up to capture the doubles point for the Bison with a 6-1 victory. Michael Owen '23 and Nick Mueller '23 won the number two doubles with a 6-4 victory. The Bison then swept the top 5 single's courts with straight set victories. Gold won 6-2, 6-4 on court one to improve his spring record to 3-2. Mueller, Owen, Zelikovsky won on courts 2,3, and 4 respectively. Nicolas Grunig '25 won at court 5 by scores of 7-5, 6-2.

The women's team was equally dominant in a 6-1 victory over Saint Francis (PA) on Saturday. The win was the team's fifth straight victory and third by five or more points. Whitney King '25 improved to 15-2 on the season with a three-set victory at second singles. Daniela Bellini '22 defeated All-NEC honoree Dominique Yeo on first singles when Yeo retired while trailing 6-3, 1-0. Laurel Utterback '24, Anna Lajos '25, and Kate Novak '24 all won their respective singles matches as well. In the doubles matches, King and Bellini

won at first doubles for the 15th time this season and now sit with a record of 15-2. Lajos and Madi Sebulsky '24 also won their doubles match to improve to 5-1 on the season.

The second game of the weekend did not go as well for either the men's or women's tennis teams. The men lost 4-3 to Delaware while the women fell to IUP 4-3.

Gold and Zelikovsky picked up another win at doubles court 1 for their fifth straight victory. First year Charlie Nordahl '25 earned his first collegiate victory at doubles court 3 as he teamed up with Grunig for a 6-4 win. Owen and Zelikovsky picked up the singles victories for the Bison on courts 3 and 4.

Bellini was a standout performer for the Bison as she won at first singles (6-4, 3-6, 6-2) and then teamed up with Whitney King to win at first doubles. First year Anna Lajos improved to 13-1 on the season with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Katy Graydon, an All-PSAC West First Teamer. Lajos also won at third doubles, partnering with Sebulsky for a 6-4 victory.

Both teams will be back in action this upcoming weekend. The men will travel to New Hampshire to take on Dartmouth on Mar. 5 at 11am. The women will take on St. Bonaventure on Mar. 5 at 2pm and Penn State on Mar. 6 at 5pm.

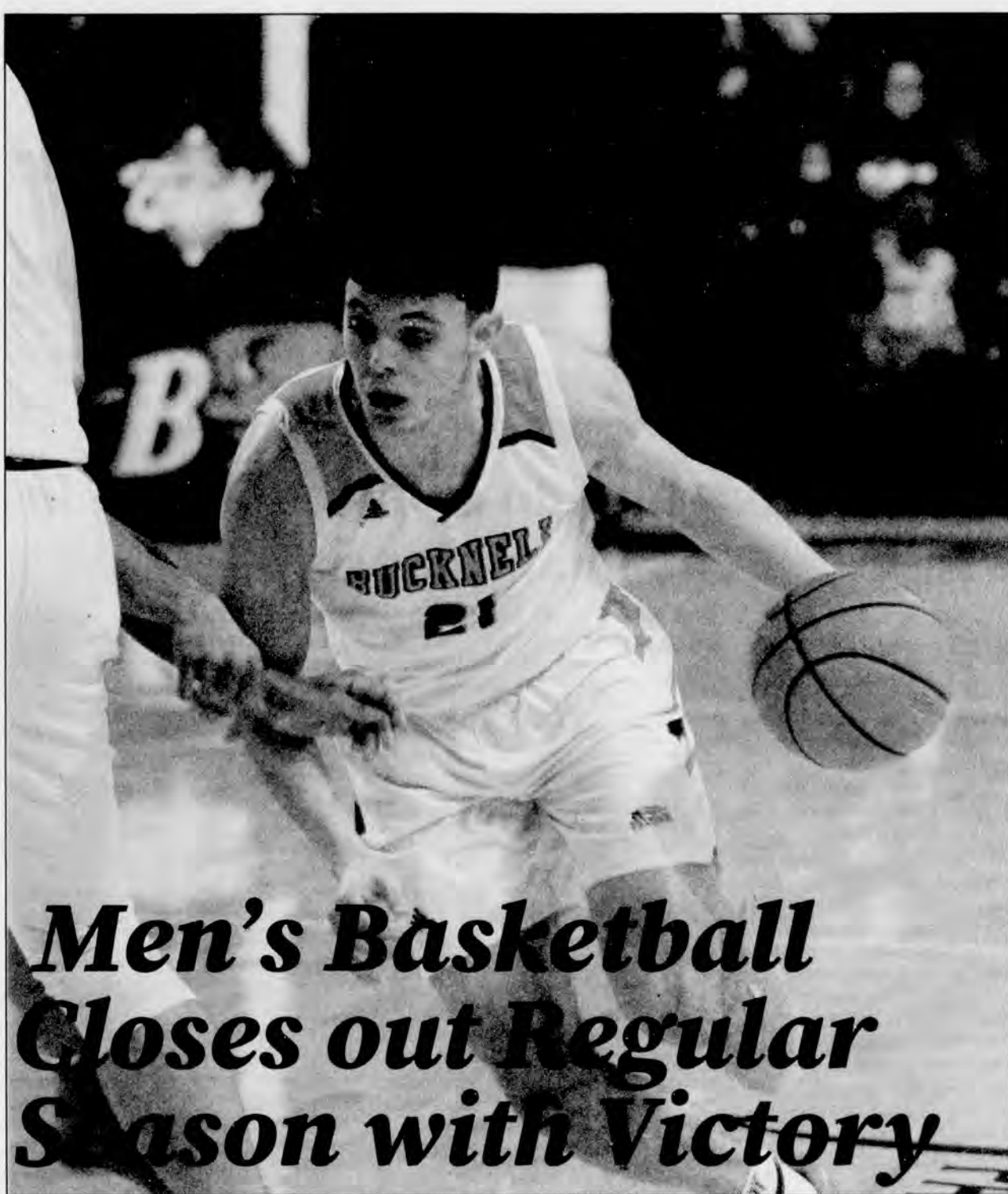


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Men's Basketball Closes out Regular Season with Victory

Rylee Donaldson
Senior Writer

The Bison men's basketball team was able to finish out the regular season with a win over Boston University. The Orange and Blue fell earlier in the week to Army West Point. Xander Rice '23 had a career high 25 points in the contest, but it was not enough to push the Bison past the Black Knights. The game finished in a 73-60 defeat.

The Orange and Blue took on Boston University in Sojka Pavilion. Andrew Funk '22 celebrated his Senior Day in style with a big 15 points, five rebounds and five assists to lift the Bison over Boston

University in the regular-season finale. Funk was not the only Bison in double digits, as he was joined by five of his teammates. Rice once again led the Bison with 19 and was 11-for-13 from the free throw line. First-years also came up big with Ian Motta '25 scoring seven points and Josh Bascoe '25 posting four points and five rebounds.

The Terriers opened the game with the lead, but after a 12-0 run from the Bison, their lead withered away. The Terriers led 41-37 at halftime, but the Bison went on a run once again, this time a 13-0 run. The Boston Terriers did not have an answer for the Bison late in the game. The score remained

close and within just a couple of points at times, but the Bison finished out on top.

"This was a great team win for us. We were coming off a tough loss where we did not play like ourselves. I think we bounced back well and were able to knock down good shots tonight. It was nice to end the regular season with a win and have the momentum going into the Patriot League Tournament," Funk said.

The Bison improved to 8-22 overall and 5-13 in the Patriot League with the win. The Orange and Blue earned the ninth seed in the Patriot League Tournament that begins next week. As a result they faced the No. 8 Lafayette

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Upcoming Events

Men's Lacrosse

- Vs Binghamton on Mar. 5 at 1pm

Women's Basketball

- Vs Lehigh (PL Quarter-finals) on Mar. 7 (time TBD)

Women's Basketball Goes 1-1 on the Week

Brooke Tracey
Senior Writer

The Bison women's basketball team went 1-1 in their matchups this past week versus Army West Point on Wednesday, Feb. 23 and away at Boston University on Saturday, Feb. 26. While the Bison pulled off a large-margin victory to start the week, they could not hold off the Terriers' attack. The Orange and Blue now sit at 20-8 on the season and 11-6 in the Patriot League.

The first of the games was an exciting one for the Bison, as they soared past the Black Knights 79-51. After losing to Army earlier in the season, this was a huge team victory and also their fourth straight Patriot League win. The Bison dominated from tipoff, outscoring Army 25-8 in the first quarter and leading by 20 points at the half. The Bison kept their lead in the third quarter, but were slightly outscored 12-13 Army. This did not stop the Bison, as they put up 25 points in the fourth quarter to Army's 16, comfortably securing the victory.

With such a strong result comes many key performances. Both of the Bison's seniors stole the show, with Marly Walls '22 recording a career-high 19 points and tying her career-high with eight assists. Taylor O'Brien '22 also scored 20 points in the game, which included her 1,000th career point late in the fourth quarter. She becomes the 27th player to reach 1,000 points in program history, and is the first to do so

since the 2019-2020 season.

The Orange and Blue hit the road to face off against the Terriers on Saturday. With play-off implications on the line, the Bison entered the game determined, however, offensive struggles and missed opportunities resulted in a tough result. The Bison battled throughout the first half, leading the Terriers 13-10, early in the first quarter, which was their largest lead of the game. The Terriers began taking the lead in the second quarter, where they outscored the Bison 15-9, entering halftime up by nine points. While the Bison were able to put up 27 points in the second half, this was not enough to pull out a win. The game ended in favor of the Terriers, 69-51.

When talking to Forward Emma Shaffer '23 about the games, she was really satisfied with how the Army game went. She said the team "made adjustments from the last time [they] played them and executed those adjustments well." She acknowledges that the team has "a tough road ahead with the goal of a championship" but she has the utmost "faith that this team can achieve that championship."

The Bison will finish out the regular season in Sojka Pavilion against Colgate on Wednesday, March 2 at 6 p.m. They have already clinched a first-round bye and quarterfinal-round home game for Patriot League playoffs, and are now playing for final seeding.

Bison Women's Lacrosse tramples Robert Morris in 17-6 victory

Jacob Feuerstein
Print Managing Editor

This past Saturday the Bison women's lacrosse team took a stand against reigning conference champion and NCAA tournament team Robert Morris University in an impressive 17-6 victory. Both offensively and defensively, the Bison were on their A-game. Goals were scored by Katie Wendell '22 (4), Tatum Kohlbrener '24 (3), Amy Roche '22 (2), Laurel McHale '22 (2), Allie Boyce '25 (2), Emma Cashwell '22 (1), Taylor Kopan '24 (1), Colleen Kelly '24 (1), and Phoebe Macleod '24 (1).

Early in the game it was clear that the Bison were dominating the field, eventually ending the first quarter with three goals to Robert Morris' one, but victory wasn't assured until the end of the third quarter when goals from Kohlbrener, Kopan and Cashwell took the Bison lead to five. The team did especially well in the fourth quarter, locking down RMU and increasing their lead to the final 17-6 scoreline.

Wendell, who recorded a career high in goals, commented favorably on the team's offensive performance. "The offense really turned it around this game," Wendell said. "Having two weeks without a game we were able to continue to work on our chemistry as well as get in a good scout on RMU's defense."

She added that contributions from the University's defense helped secure victory. "The defenders pushed us everyday in practice and we came to the game well prepared to go against RMU's zone. I'm excited to keep building with the offense for the rest of the season to continue to see success."

Indeed, the defense had an equally strong game. Abby Neff '22 secured seven ground balls and junior goalie Symone Ryans '23 recorded 11 saves in her first game of the season and second in her career. Ella Payer '23 spoke on behalf of the defensive unit. "Defensively, we never let up on intensity," Payer explained, noting that "We really worked as a unit, and had some big plays and possessions that created key opportunities for the offense! In the fourth quarter, we set a goal to not let them score and we were proud to achieve that."

"All around, the energy was amazing on the defensive end!"

"Saturday was a great team win," Ryans noted of the game. "We had a game plan and we stuck to it. Every aspect of our team did a great job from attack, to midfield, to defense we played very cohesively and we didn't stop until the last whistle. Our defense especially was super solid; they made my job a lot easier and gave me that shots I wanted to see. Defense had my back and I had theirs."

"We have a busy couple of weeks ahead of us preparing for Patriot League play," she acknowledged, "but we are really excited and ready for it."

The victory this past weekend took the Bison to a 1-1 season. Seniors Neff and Wendell as well as junior Ryans earned Patriot League defensive, offensive and goalie of the week respectively for their performance. The Bison will look to continue their excellent play as they take on Duquesne at home on March 2 at 5 p.m. before traveling to New York to take on St. Bonaventure at 3 p.m. on Saturday March 5.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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in the first round of the tournament on Tuesday in Easton, Pennsylvania. In an extremely competitive and close matchup, the Bison emerged victorious by a score of 82-81 in overtime. A well executed sideline inbound play resulted in a Funk layup with 16 seconds left that gave the Bison the crucial victory.

The Bison trailed by as many as 13

points throughout the contest, but managed to rally for the victory. Funk finished with a team-high 21 points and moved into 10th place on the all time Bison scoring list. Andre Screen '24 scored 16 points, had two offensive rebounds, and threw a beautiful bounce back for Funk's game-winning layup. Malachi Rhodes '23 had a major impact on the boards for the Bison

with a team-high eight rebounds to go along with 12 points. With the victory, the Bison advanced to the quarterfinals and will travel to Colgate for the upcoming game. The game will take place on Thursday Mar. 3 at 7 p.m. The two teams faced off twice during the regular season with Colgate emerging victorious in both matchups.

Bison swim and dive place top five in ECAC championship

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The Bison men's and women's swim and dive team finished off their season this past weekend at the ECAC Championships at Lejeune Hall. Both teams finished in the top 10, with the women placing fourth and the men placing second.

On the first day of the championships, the women's team stood at seventh place (74 points) and the men stood in fifth place (85 points). For the men, Alec Baker '23, Will Hedges '25, Chris Fabian '24 and Justin DiSanto '25 won silver in the 400 medley relay. Their time of 3:17.83 is the fourth-fastest in Bison history in this race.

Four individual finalists also competed. Fabian placed ninth in the 50 freestyle, Hedges came in 12th in the 200 IM and DiSanto finished 14th in the 500 freestyle. The top individual swimmer for the Bison was Noah Basista '24 in the 200 IM.

For the women's team, Maddie Hartigan '22 and Sabrina Vumbacco '23 once again impressed. Hartigan came in 10th in the 50 freestyle and Vumbacco claimed sixth in the 200 IM.

Meagan Hathaway '22 placed 11th in the 200 IM, representing the team's top finalist. The Bison's relay teams each had a seventh place finish.

The second day each team moved up in rankings, the men's team now

claiming third and the women's team claiming fifth.

Important points were earned by Fabian in the 100 backstroke, John Gehrig '24 in the 100 butterfly, and Chris Kopac '25 in the 400 IM. Each swimmer placed second in their respective event. The 800 freestyle relay team also placed second, with impressive showing from Sean Quinn '22, Baker and Ed Park '25.

Gehrig and Ryaan Hatoum '23 each finished with program fast times in the 100 breaststroke.

13 Bison qualified for Saturday's finals; Fabian, Gehrig, Kopac, Quinn, Park and Baker.

On the women's side, important victories came from the two relay teams placing fourth (200 medley and 800 freestyle) and five individual swimmers qualifying in the finals.

Top individual swimmer on the second day was Alexis Faria '22 with a time of 54.79 in the 100 butterfly. Faria placed fourth and now holds the second-fastest time for this event in the University program.

Hartigan and Vumbacco had another successful day, gaining points in individual races. Vumbacco placed sixth in the 200 freestyle and Hartigan placed 10th in the 100 butterfly, which were both events the girls do not normally swim in. An impressive individual performance also came from Alexandra Ritorto '23, who placed 12th in the 100 breaststroke.

The championships came to an

end Sunday Feb. 27. The men's team took home second place medal and the women respectively placed fourth.

The men's team finished with a total of 390.5 points. The six second place wins on the third day helped secure the overall silver medal finish. The 400 freestyle relay team, including swimmers DiSanto, Fabian, Gehrig and Kopac, placed second with a time of 2:57.36.

Two relay teams also took home silver medals. The 800 freestyle relay had Quinn, Baker, Kopac and Park. The 400 medley relay team had Baker, Hedges, Fabian and DiSanto.

Five of the 13 Bison who qualified for the finals raced in the 'A' finals and three competed in the consolation finals.

The women's team had an impressive showing yet again from Hartigan who won gold in the 100 freestyle. Hartigan previously won gold in both the 500 freestyle and 1,650 freestyle in the Patriot League Championship.

Hartigan also contributed to a bronze medal in the 400 freestyle relay, alongside Vumbacco, Kayla Lichtner '24 and Kendall Luecke '25.

The women's team finished with a total of 264.5 points and had six finals qualifiers.

Both men's and women's teams ended their seasons successfully, placing top five in both the Patriot League Championship and ECAC.

Baseball takes two wins in away series

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Senior Writer

The Bison traveled to Virginia this past weekend for a three-game series against Radford. The games, taking place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, resulted in two victories for the Bison. These were big victories for the Orange and Blue as they were the team's first victories of the season and the team now stands with a record of 2-4.

On Friday evening the team made an early statement, posting 15 runs. After a slow start for both teams offensively in which the two squads combined for just one hit through the first few innings, the Highlanders got on the board first in the third. They capitalized on several walks and a hit by pitch with the bases loaded to take the lead. Ben Magovern '25 earned his first career start and threw a huge strikeout to halt the blow.

The Bison pulled a run back in the fifth after Jacob Terwilliger '23 walked with one out, and soon touched home after a few Radford errors. The Orange and Blue then took the lead in the seventh, capitalizing on another two errors by the Highlanders. Radford responded with a run in the bottom of the inning, this time on a walk with the bases loaded. However, Graeme Carroll '24 entered the game in a tough situation with the bases

loaded and two outs, inducing a ground-out to third baseman Mason Kelly '23 to neutralize the threat.

The eighth inning is where the Orange and Blue shined, scoring six runs. Brendan Lowery '22 walked, and then one batter later Tyler Dunn '25 launched his first career home run over the right field fence to finish the Bison's scoring for the inning and take a commanding 8-2 lead. The Bison added seven more runs in the ninth, exploding for a season-best ten hits overall.

Lowery, Grant Voytovich '24, Chris Cannizzaro '22, Logan Kellerman '22 and Anthony Sherwin '24 each picked up RBIs in the inning, with Sherwin highlighting the scoring with a two-RBI double. Voytovich managed a career-best three hits batting in the cleanup spot, also adding three RBIs. Magovern had a solid outing in his first collegiate start, throwing five innings and allowing just one earned run.

In the second game of the series, the Bison fell 2-1. Both teams combined for 10 hits in nine innings. The Orange and Blue took the lead in the seventh inning when pinch hitter Kendall Pierson '22 entered the game, making an instant impact by singling to third base. Lowery continued his fantastic start to the year with another two hits on Saturday, bringing his

season total to seven already this year.

Pitcher Will Greer '23 kept Radford off the board, not allowing a hit for three straight innings. Greer ran into a bit of trouble in the fourth, with the Highlanders loading the bases with one out in the inning. However, the junior managed to get a foul out and a strike-out to escape the jam unscathed. Greer pitched eight innings while allowing three hits, one earned run and striking out four batters.

The Highlanders found the winning run in the bottom of the 11th on a sacrifice bunt after two straight singles to open the inning.

Lowery and Cannizzaro accounted for four of the Bison's six hits, while Pierson and Kellerman each added a hit.

The Bison opened the game with an early 1-0 lead. The Orange and Blue exploded for six runs in the fourth inning. Its first six batters reached bases safely with no outs. Voytovich started the inning with a single, before Pierson was hit by a pitch and a walk by Henry Novicki '23 loaded the bases. That set up Kellerman's three-RBI, bases-clearing double to give the Bison a 3-1 lead.

The Bison will travel to Durham, N.C. this weekend for a three game series against a tough competitor, Duke University.

and Blue scored a run in the third, cutting the lead to 2-1.

The Spartans had a very strong bottom of the fourth, scoring eight runs on eight hits, setting the score at 10-1. This inning by UNC Greensboro ultimately ended the game in five innings.

Marinelli had suffered her first loss of the season, pitching the first three innings while striking four batters out. Horn had another successful day at bat, going 2-3 in leading the Bison offense.

In the Bison's last game of the weekend, they lost to Loyola Chicago 3-1. Toomey threw all seven innings, striking out seven and allowing nine hits. The Bison gave up early runs after two batters on Loyola Chicago got hit at the plate.

With the Bison losing by three in the bottom of the seventh, Knapp, Nicole Rivait '22 and Juliette Basso '25 all singled in a row. Rivait scored the lone Bison run, however the game ended with the Bison not being able to catch up to the deficit.

Bison Softball Team has Difficult Weekend in Greensboro

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The Orange and Blue softball team had a challenging weekend in Greensboro, N.C., losing the first three games and suffering a cancellation of the fourth. On the first day of play on Friday, the Bison lost both to Virginia 5-1 and Loyola Chicago 3-0.

Virginia had a fiery start against the Bison, scoring three runs in the first inning. The sole run against Virginia came from Chase Knapp '23 in the top of the third, who hit her second home run of the season. This hit by the Bison had cut Virginia's lead 3-1.

Virginia answered back, scoring in the bottom of the third and the bottom of the fourth, taking the lead to 5-1. The Orange and Blue finished the game with six hits and one error compared to the Cavaliers' seven hits and one error.

The Bison brought out four pitchers in this game: Kelly Toomey '22,

Madison Roukey '25, Hunter Vestal '24 and Olivia Marinelli '23.

Rookie Elena Horn '25 had a very good game batting, going 2-3 while playing the Cavaliers.

In the Bison's second game of the day, they fell short to Loyola Chicago 3-0. The Orange and Blue only managed two hits throughout the game, coming from Horn and Jessie Kincer '25.

Kaiya Burton '23 and Toomey were on the mound for the Bison, with a combined total of six strikeouts and four hits.

The Ramblers got on board in the top of the first, while the Bison stuck out on their first six batters. Loyola sealed the game in the top of the fourth by getting two runs due to having two singles and a double.

On the Bison's second day of play on the weekend, the Bison lost to UNC Greensboro 10-1. UNC Greensboro started the game out strong with a two-run home run in the bottom of the first. The Orange

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Nick Crovatto '22

Profile

Sport

Lacrosse

Hometown

New Canaan,

Conn.

High School

New Canaan

Position

Faceoff



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The Bison men's lacrosse team has only played four games over four weekends thus far this season, and Nick Crovatto '22 has already captured three Patriot League Faceoff Specialist of the Week Honors. These accomplishments come to no surprise, though, since the Bison sits at an incredible 4-0 record, with Crovatto leading as the primary faceoff specialist for the past three years.

The team captain earned these honors in matches against Mercer, Saint John's, and Marist University. The New Canaan, Conn. native won 11 out of 19 faceoffs and picked up seven ground balls in the home opener. Against Saint John's, Crovatto won a whopping 18 out of 22 faceoffs, becoming the fifth Bison in team history to earn 200 faceoff wins during his collegiate athletic career. The senior also managed to capture the team's record for single-game ground balls (14), and contributed two assists to the match. His performance resulted in his third weekly award commending his victory in 17 out of 24 faceoffs, while also collecting 13 ground balls and forcing two turnovers.

Crovatto ascribes his own accomplishments to the cooperation of his teammates. "I have to credit Frankie Higgins and Danny Striano. They are the reason the faceoff unit does well," he added. Fellow senior Higgins '22 is a defender and defensive midfielder. Striano '23 is a junior midfielder.

Crovatto being the team captain is well-deserved, as he has accomplished so much for the Bison in his four

years, even prior to his league awards streak. His sophomore and junior years were cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic. The team played only six games in 2020 and only eight in 2021. Despite these low-numbers, Crovatto started all fifteen games played in these two years. His sophomore year, he collected the team-best 45 ground balls, was the Patriot League leader in faceoff wins, and was second in the league for ground balls (18th nationally). In his junior year Crovatto won 64 out of 144 faceoffs.

With a faceoff specialist like Crovatto and their best start to a season since 2007 (4-0), the Orange and Blue have high hopes for the rest of the season.

"We are happy to be 4-0. We are looking forward to this week. We need to have another great week in order to be 5-0 going into league play - which is important to us," Crovatto said.

Crovatto and the Bison face off against Binghamton this Saturday March 5 in our very own Lewisburg, Pa.

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MLB Postpones League Start

Kaylee Donnelly
Senior Writer

The Major League Baseball (MLB) season set to start March 31 has now been postponed, reducing the number of games from 162 to, as of right now, about 156. For the first time in MLB history, the league has resorted to canceling their regular season games in light of the three-month lockout between the owners and the players. This move effectively delays the beginning of the 2022 season.

But what is the lockout all about?

On Dec. 1, 2021, the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA),

a contract signed between the various MLB owners and the players, expired. Following the expiration the MLB commissioner announced that the league would be entering a lockout, which prevents any signing, trades, or communication between teams and their players.

There have been eight work stoppages in the past, but none of them has ever led to cancellation of regular season games, even the last major lockout from 1994-95.

Discussions have been ongoing since December, with

the owners and the players' union attempting to reach a deal before the beginning of the season. This February, the players' union made an offer to the owners, incorporating deals like an incentive system for players to earn more based on their post season awards and performance. MLB came back with one of their proposals to expand the first round of the postseason, which would earn the players about \$20 million in postseason shares.

Proposals were shot back and forth, but none stuck. The players' union rejected the MLB's

call for a mediator. Spring training sessions were postponed, and then spring training games were canceled.

The deadline for an agreement was set to Feb. 28, but on that date the players' union rejected the MLB's final offer. As a result, the first two series of the regular season were set to be postponed, which will be the first time since 1995 that the regular season is delayed due to a lockout.

It's been three months since the old CBA expired, and real negotiations didn't actually take place until the end of

February. Between the player's push for monetary gains and the owners' reluctance to increase their share, it doesn't feel like any significant concessions have been made, leaving fans to wonder when this will end.

The problem is this: without a resolution, there is no season. Without a season, there are no fans, and therefore no money. The league and the players' union will have to come to a resolution soon, for their careers and their fans' support will depend on how efficiently the two can come to final negotiations.

Bucknell Track and Field Hosts Patriot League Championships

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Staff Writer

The Bison track and field program hosted nine other schools in Gerhard Fieldhouse for the indoor Patriot League Championships this past weekend. Among those schools in attendance were Navy, who won overall with a total 264 points on the men's side, followed Army (188.5), Boston U. (91), and Lehigh (65). The Bison men trailed behind with 47.5 points on the weekend.

On Saturday, the men finished with 9.5 points, the majority earned by the men's 4x800 event. Thomas Matsumura '22, Alexander Simpson '24, Brendan O'Toole '22, and Colby Belczyk '25 placed fourth in the middle-distance relay with a time of 7:47:43.

Robert Feeney '24 also contributed, displaying an impressive performance in the weight throw. Feeney beat his personal best for a distance of 58-8, the seventh-best in Bison history. "This weekend's meet had a lot of highlights and it was great to be home for the meet... a great way to finish off the indoor season."

"That being said," Feeney added, "this meet definitely serves as a motivator going into training for outdoor, as it is clear the Patriot League is improving as a whole and it's going to take a lot to score points in the league going forward." Samuel Whittaker '23 also had a personal best, running 14:36:12 in the 5000.

Two Bison runners advanced in the 400, Ethan Wolford-Tuffy '24 placing fifth (49.64) and Rayven Sample '24 at sixth (49.79). On Sunday, both runners earned points for the Bison men, as Wolford-Tuffy placed fourth (49.24) and Sample came fifth, running a personal best with a time of 49.46. The two also contributed to the 4x400 relay, in which they were joined by Belczyk and Caleb Wooten '23 to place third with a time of 3:20:16. The distance medley

(Matsumura, Simpson, O'Toole, and Kevin Boyle '22) also found success, coming in fifth with a time of 10:14:53.

"This weekend was amazing, a lot of people on the team had great times and marks. Breaking 50 felt indescribable. The work of Coach Alexander and Coach RC is truly the reason behind it all. I've been so lucky to be able to work under them and alongside phenomenal teammates. Track is an individual sport but all of the hard work is done with others," Sample said.

"That truly is a strength of Bucknell's program," he added. "[I]t's not one single guy or girl doing everything alone. We have depth in all of our events and being able to train with others who are also great athletes pushes us at practice everyday."

Another notable mention from the day was Tristan An '25 in the high jump. The rookie cleared 6-5.5 to place seventh. "Heading into the Patriot League championships, our team knew that Navy and Army were the contenders to win. Despite this we wanted to try our best and do what we could to challenge ourselves. It was a great weekend and I am looking forward to seeing what we could do heading into the outdoor season," An said.

On the women's side, the Bison placed fourth with a total of 73 points, beating out Lehigh but finishing behind Navy (winner overall with 202 points), Army (171), and Boston U. (140.5 points).

Karly Renn '25 had a standout performance; the most recent Patriot League Track & Field Rookie of the Week came in third in the pole vault. Her personal best of 12-5.5 is the second-best in University history. Right behind her was Jenny Scott '23, who came in fourth this weekend with a new personal best of 12-1.5. This new record also puts Scott on the record board

at the University, as 12-1.5 ties for fourth in program history.

The 4x800 relay team (Karly Forker '22, Mackenzie Turner '23, Tara Lyons '22, Anna Posh '25) came in fifth with a total time of 9:11:14.

The Bison saw another impressive performance from Meghan Quinn '24, who came first in the 60m preliminary rounds on Saturday. Quinn ran 7.63, which is the second-fastest time in University track history.

On Sunday, Quinn showed up and ran 7.64 to place first again in the 60m, winning gold for the Orange and the Blue. She continued adding points for the Bison, competing in the 200 and the 4x400 relay (along with Jessie Castellano '23, Mikayla Horvath '23, and Bridget Lalonde '23) later on Sunday. The 4x400 finished third, just 1.1 seconds behind Navy.

Siobhan O'Sullivan '24 put the Bison women throwers on the board, finishing in fifth place in shot put by throwing nearly a foot farther than her previous personal best – a distance that ranks fifth on the Bison's all-time record list.

Michaela Bracken '22 had a particularly impressive weekend, beating the school pentathlon record by 212 points, a record that was set by Bracken earlier this season in December. Bracken's new records this season mark the most recent record set for this event in 14 years for the Bison. Bracken tied the school high jump record with a height of 5-8. Of her recent success, Bracken said "this team is the most talented group of women I have ever seen. Each person works insanely hard and I am so proud to be a part of this program."

Although the Bison weren't quite as successful as they'd hoped, many individuals have qualified and now look ahead to the IC4A championships next weekend.

Women's Water Polo celebrates Seniors over Weekend Games

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Staff Writer

For the women's water polo team at the University, last weekend began tough with a 15-9 loss to Princeton. It was a slow start for the Orange and Blue as Princeton scored six of the game's first seven goals. Isabelle Monaghan '24 started the Bison off with a successful penalty shot. However, the Bison struggled to keep up and went into halftime trailing 10-3. After the second half the Orange and Blue secured six more goals but was ultimately unable to decisively break through Princeton's defense.

Falling to another quick start of the opposition, the Bison lost 12-7 to Brown. They had another opening goal from Monaghan but could not get more on the board, heading into the break down by five. With two more goals in the second half, they struggled offensively.

Senior night celebrated attacker Paige Furano '22 and center Larissa Hodzic '22, who accounted for five of the Bison's seven goals.

Sunday was a more successful day of competition for the Bison as they broke even in games, losing in overtime to Harvard and securing a win against Mount St. Mary's.

Harvard entered the pool with a nine-game winning streak and began the game with a three-point

lead against the Bison. The Orange and Blue battled as Furano put the first point on the board. At halftime the Bison trailed behind with a score of 5-2.

They came back strong in the second half with goals from Furano and Megan LaCroix '23, tying the game at five. The Crimson scored two goals in response before Ali Jackson '25 scored another goal, leaving the Bison behind by one entering the final quarter. Monaghan converted a five-meter attempt to tie the game at seven, resulting in overtime. Harvard scored the game-winning goal. Annika Lampen '25 had her best game for the Bison, making 12 saves in 38 minutes and having an aggressive steal.

In their second game of the day the Bison found themselves offensively taking Mount St. Mary's by force with a score of 16-8, tying their season's best of 16 goals. Of these 16, Monaghan contributed four, Furano contributed two, Hodzic contributed two, Chloe Smith '23 contributed two and one from all Caroline Oates '25, Lacroix, Bella Moynihan '23 and Sidney Finkler '25.

After this past weekend, the Bison now sit with a record of 6-5. They will look to improve on this at the upcoming Michigan Invite next weekend. They will take on Saint Francis (PA), Michigan, Iona, and Salem on March 5 and March 6.

Bison Lacrosse Defeats Marist

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On Saturday afternoon, the men's lacrosse team defeated Marist 15-7 at Tenney Stadium at Leonidoff Field. This is the Bison's fourth out-of-conference win this season and the Red Foxes' fourth loss.

Dutch Furlong '24 led the Bison with seven points while Nick Crovatto '22 displayed a strong effort in faceoffs. During the second quarter, the Orange and Blue began to pull away, netting four of its five goals which gave them a lead headed into halftime. In the third quarter, the Bison outscored the Red Foxes by 7-2 which increased their score to a 14-4 advantage.

Assisted by Furlong, Alston Tarry '22 secured a hat trick with two goals within 28 seconds. Furlong had a career-best seven points on five goals and two assists. Additionally, he had a career-high of goals in a single game with five. Tarry

finished the match with four goals. Other noticeable standouts were freshmen Connor Davis '25 and Cam Doolan '25. Davis scored three goals while Doolan scored two goals and had one assist. Davis has netted at least three goals per game which has brought him to a season total of 19 goals. Davis is currently second in the NCAA with 4.75 goals per game.

Crovatto displayed an outstanding effort winning 17 of 24 faceoffs and collecting a game-high of 13 ground balls. On the opposite side of the field, Max Nolan '25 secured his fourth-straight win in net. Nolan stopped nine shots to maintain the lead.

"We are happy to be 4-0. We are looking forward to this week. We need to have another great week in order to be 5-0 going into league play which is important to us," Crovatto said.

The Bison have had the best start to their season since 2007.

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Sex shouldn't be scary

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The “hook-up” culture at the University has been labeled as toxic and harmful by many. This culture is also said to have a disproportionately negative effect on young women. The lack of emotional attachment tends to break down one's mental and emotional stability regarding intimacy and relationships, and ruin one's self esteem. The prevailing question in regards to this is: why is it so prevalent on this small campus in Lewisburg, Pa.? Is it just normal college life? Is it the presence of eager Fraternity members? Is it the force of heteronormative ideals that force us to see it as eternally evil?

Since sex-positive week, I have tried to spark up conversations about hook-up culture and what it means to the people of this campus. Those in long-term relationships like to give advice to the masses of singles, with a subconscious superiority that emanates from their tongue, as if the only goal is to acquire a partner. The anxiety to find a significant other has been seared into our brains from childhood, with many parents encouraging their daughters to be “ladylike” to attract men, and eventually continue towards achieving a life based in the nuclear family. We also have pressure from society, specifically stemming from the media. Teen rom-coms aging back decades, or maybe just a couple years, force the idea that

“getting” the dream guy or the dream girl is the only thing that provides happiness and validation. How can we argue with idealized characters on screen? They must be the goal, right?

Although many of us are aware that the media that we consume is fictional and we should not believe everything we see, why do we love the idea of finding that forever partner, but hate the idea of intimacy? For many, the stigma around sex comes from the fear of pregnancy and infection. According to a study conducted by Terri Conley of the University of Michigan, people believe that one instance of unprotected intercourse is 17 times more dangerous because of the risk of contracting HIV than a 300-mile road trip. In reality, the car trip is 20 times more likely to result in tragedy than the intercourse is to end in a diagnosis of HIV. It is ultimately clear that anxiety plays a large role in the stigma surrounding sex.

However, the stigma does not stop at STIs and infections. It also hovers around non-heterosexual intimacy which is rarely taught in high school sex education. In my personal experience as a public high school student in New York City, we were taught how to put on a condom and what kind of diseases I could acquire while having sex with a cis-male. I never learned about protection for those born without male

genitalia. In reality, the number of people identifying as part of the LGBTQIA+ community is rising as acceptance and celebration becomes a societal norm. Transgender people and young people exploring their own sexuality have no means of learning the means for safe sex that correlate with their bodies/identifications, except through experience and the vague and oftentimes frightening diagnoses of WebMD.

With all of this in mind, it's time to reevaluate how we perceive sex. Awareness starts with education, which leads to acceptance and the breakdown of stigmas. It is important for people to guide those exploring and learning about sexual interactions to give them everything needed to perform safely, without judgement and without bias that makes them feel like intimacy is morally wrong. So, is hook-up culture really wrong? No. “Hook-up” culture does not work the same way for everyone, and not everyone may enjoy it, but that is not a reason to label it as inherently dangerous and disastrous. Becoming comfortable setting boundaries and being open about the intentions of sexual experiences is important for any person, whether they want a relationship or not. So, stop judging those who just want to have a fun one-night-stand and normalize the conversation about sex and the multitudes of relationships people have with it; create a more welcoming environment for all and end the stigma.

Snowden tells us to stay informed

Amanda Matlin
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Last week, Edward Snowden connected with an audience of University students, faculty, and alumni via Zoom in the Trout Auditorium. The panel was sponsored by the Bucknell Program for American Leadership, an organization that aims to promote the “traditions of academic freedom,” according to its website. Snowden, national security expert turned free speech advocate, updated the audience on the role that surveillance plays in their everyday lives, and fielded questions from listeners.

“Did you agree to this?” This is the question that Snowden repeatedly asked his audience when describing the invasive manner in which corporations and the government collect data from private citizens. Legally, the answer is yes, as we all sign “terms and conditions” before using apps. But, in a society that is largely digitized, do we really have a choice? Snowden would say that we do not. He described the concept of coerced consent as it applies to our sacrifice of privacy and personal freedom in order to participate in the social networks that define our everyday existence.

Snowden, without a doubt, is a controversial figure. In 2013, he leaked classified documents that uncovered an unethical surveillance program run by the government, which not only tracked the activity of criminals, but also law-abiding citizens. After being charged with crimes that would have landed Snowden 30 years in prison, he fled the country. His passport was revoked during a layover in Russia, where he has since resided.

Some herald him as a hero who exposed the government's nefarious activities, and others see him as a criminal who betrayed his oath to the U.S. government as an NSA employee. Politics and public opinion aside, Snowden

raised legitimate concerns about the state of democracy and personal freedom in an age where surveillance and artificial intelligence monitor our every post, click and scroll.

As current students at the University, we have come of age during the “Social Data Revolution,” a term used to describe the emergence of data collection to generate personalized outcomes for internet users. This has reconceptualized our notions of privacy and security. While algorithms make our feeds more suitable to our tastes and preferences, they also pose grave concerns to our civil liberties and set dangerous precedents for the future.

So, what can we do? Surprisingly, despite his experience working within an institution that seems to have become amoral, Snowden remains hopeful for the future and the role that young people can play in fixing the damage that has been done by expansive surveillance and A.I. programs. He urged students to become educated about the system, and to hold their political leaders accountable.

Snowden reminded the audience that these technologies are man-made, and that the problems they have led to will have man-made solutions. It may be impractical to expect young people to take the extensive risks that Snowden did in order to call truth to power, but, staying civically engaged and informed about how surveillance and A.I. influence our political, social and commercial networks is a good start. The American Civil Liberties Union and Privacy International are great online resources to get informed about your rights as a private citizen and stay informed about developments in the United States and around the world pertaining to privacy and security.

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Affording the unaffordable: corporate home ownership

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Since 2017, Invitation Homes has been the largest owner of single-family homes in the United States. A subsidiary of the Blackstone group, Invitation Homes has been a pivotal but quiet player in the real estate industry since its inception, largely due to its \$21 billion backing from the Blackstone group and its ability to buy homes in bunches. While this may seem like old news for those with a particular interest in real estate, this news has largely managed to fly under the radar for what is now the past five years. This may largely be due to the pandemic, and the ability of many to blame housing crunches and an increased homeownership rate due to people moving out of their city rentals into suburban homes during the pandemic.

In reality, Invitation Homes owns about 80,000 homes, a relatively small number compared to the over 139 million homes in the U.S., but as a single entity, this number is striking. The company's ability to enter markets and neighborhoods and almost immediately own up to 80-90 percent of all homes within a particular zip code is somewhat worrying, and something that should definitely be acknowledged by young people looking to become homeowners or renters within the next five-to-ten years. Homeownership rates amongst young people are already at a record low, dipping to somewhere between 34 and 38 percent by all estimates, and the increase in the privatization of homeownership by corporations is not very inspiring.

The World Economic Forum famously published an article titled, “Welcome to 2030: I Own Nothing, Have No Privacy and Life Has Never Been Better.” It continues to go on to illustrate a utopian community in which nothing is privately owned, the narrator rents everything they use from their car to the pots and pans of their home, and is supplied by the government/centralized entity that owns just about everything. This article drew strong controversy in both directions; some claimed that it described the dream society that is the gateway to economic equity, while those critical of the article described it as a communist nightmare in which all rights were to be sacrificed and those living in the state would be oppressed by the ownership entity.

Corporate entities like Invitation Homes are the first step towards this rent-based society, which, while having its merits, could potentially become a dangerous proposition for young people. The reality that corporate ownership is creating is not that of the communist utopia the most staunch leftists dream of, but an incredibly controlling form of state capitalism. It has already been observed that privately owned corporations are able to receive lower interest rates on purchasing loans than any single buyer due to their massive financial backing, and that even for those that are renting, these entities are far more detached from their properties than local landlords or businesses. Companies like Invitation Homes have

already been cited as problematic for their ability to raise rental payments, have more detached processes in terms of eviction and have disproportionate rates of control over low-income and minority neighborhoods.

Corporations taking over home ownership in the U.S. is a step in the wrong direction for the upcoming generation of home-buyers. With an outdated minimum wage system already existing in the United States in addition to the various barriers to home ownership that already exist for many Americans, the corporatization of home ownership only makes housing less accessible to those already struggling. For those looking to start families and take root in certain areas of the country, they cannot be burdened with the instability that comes with fluctuating rates of rent due to the ebbs and flows of corporate interest with the natural instability of the U.S. financial market. It will be difficult to combat this system, as the wheels are already in motion, but the hope going forward seems to be that a reliable network of social programs to provide economic stability in all other areas of Americans' lives will be the best response. The responsibility to implement these programs falls on young Americans, however, through their political and economic choices. The future of homeownership is in the hands of the potential homeowners, and for those looking forward to starting families and lives of their own, it is pivotal that they understand their impact, and act accordingly.

Russia invades Ukraine: Putin's paranoia and what it means for the Ukrainian people

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The warnings were all there, the signs laying bare for months, if not years. Predictions were made and the drums of war were beat. Yet few words can truly describe the horror of watching one nation invade another, a tumultuous wave of carnage ripping through the Donbas region that has only threatened to escalate.

On Feb. 24, Russia affirmed much of what many in the international community feared the country might do, invading Ukraine following several weeks of uncertainty over President Vladimir Putin's motivations and potential actions. While the concern over a potential invasion has reached global attention in recent months, the threats of such an attack have loomed over the country for decades, a tension lingering since Ukraine declared independence following the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

Ukraine's potential induction into NATO has served as yet another pressing matter for Putin. The organization's eastward expansion, through the added membership of nations such as Georgia and particularly Ukraine, might arguably serve among his greatest fears. The breakdown of diplomatic talks over the permanent refusal of a Ukraine membership into NATO brought Putin no assurances to dissuade his fears.

When Russia recognized the independence of the Donetsk and Luhansk republics, two territories that have long sought to break away from Ukraine, Putin effectively justified his way into escalating a war that has simmered since 2014, when Crimea was annexed from Ukraine following Russian recognition of the territory. Russia exploited this opportunity to invade Ukraine, calling the act a peacekeeping mission to defend Russians seemingly trapped within the region and held under the perceived clutch of the Ukrainian military.

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The reality of rapidly developing stories mean that articles such as these could, and almost certainly will, become woefully outdated. The strikes in Kharkiv that resulted in the deaths of at least ten and the wounding of dozens more could pale in comparison to what might come in the next few days, or even the next several hours. A convoy rolls through Ukraine just forty miles from the capital as I write these words on a Tuesday night. I can not say where it will arrive, or what the fallout will be. I can only make my grim predictions, and hope that they are wrong.

The invasion and all of its implications have been harrowing to read about, yes. But little of it could have come as a surprise, given the former nation's history of intervening in Ukrainian affairs and repeatedly declaring its most tenuous territories as independent. The current numbers of casualties and injuries will most assuredly rise while Russia escalates its tactics in a bid to proclaim victory over Ukraine, while the relatively small country continues to feverishly repel the Russian onslaught.

One of the most notable members of the Ukrainian defense is President Volodymyr Zelensky. A former actor turned political leader, he emerged victorious nearly three years ago with overwhelming support for him as well as his party, Servant of the People. But his promise to serve as an alternative voice in

Ukrainian politics grew to be perceived as merely more lies from a leader serving the establishment. Recently Zelensky's approval ratings had been teetering around 25 percent, a far cry from the 70 percent of the election vote he received to enter power. But that all changed following the Russian invasion, turning the president from an increasingly unpopular candidate with uncertain reelection prospects to an inspirational figure on the global scale. Putin has effectively turned his primary opposition into a venerated war hero.

In fact, one might argue that through all of Putin's paranoia and devastating maneuvers, he has failed in many regards. He has thus far been unable to take Kyiv, the city defying all military predictions of falling within 96 hours of the invasion. He too has failed to find much international support, although he has garnered the affection of nations such as China and India.

Though no other country has entered the conflict through direct military responses, a current reality Putin has strived to preserve through nuclear threats, numerous nations have offered support to Ukraine through supplies, ammunition and the condemnation of Russia's actions.

One could only theorize how an extension of Donald Trump's presidency might have influenced the United States' relationship with Russia, particularly given the former President's recent appraisals of the invasion as a "genius move" by Putin. But Biden has presently taken a harsh stance against Russia, collaborating with other countries to impose, as Biden referred to it, "severe costs and consequences" that will assuredly decimate Putin's economy.

Though sanctions have had a checkered success record, the most effective are those that are both multilateral and enduring. The United States has barred Americans from conducting business with Russia's central

bank, a move matched by the European Union and one that threatens to plummet the value of Russia's ruble.

If Putin somehow sought to preserve his country's economic conditions through warfare, he certainly failed there as well.

Putin has endured constant resistance and pushback, diplomatically, economically and militarily. None of it was a surprise to him. The past weeks have been a swell of warnings from foreign leaders and companies dissuading Russia from engaging in warfare. Little, if any, of the country's current stratagems have any tangible benefit for its own prosperity, yet the actions remained not only a possibility, but highly probable.

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The current repercussions for Russia's invasions are limited not only to it and Ukraine, but will effectively cause a damaging shift on the global scale. According to the United Nations nearly 700,000 refugees have fled amid the raging conflict, and over a million trapped within Ukraine are internally displaced. The war will assuredly have economic consequences for other nations. Middle Eastern countries such as Yemen, Egypt and Lebanon, will reel from the stifling of Russian and Ukrainian wheat imports. Italian sanctions on Russia might mean a potential retaliatory loss of gas supplies from one of its leading sources.

So why invade? Why fall prey to sanctions that will eviscerate Russia's economy and risk losing international support, let alone the opposition that might grow at home?

Putin has often been referred to as a madman for his brazen actions, simply by virtue of

failing to adhere to our traditional understanding of international dynamics. Most tactics from leading nations rely on how best it may economically suit their needs. By nearly every standard, the escalation of the Russo-Ukraine war was going to be an economic catastrophe for Putin, yet he still chose to forgo such plain rationality in favor of invasion. His failure to adhere to the typical international rulebook has made him unpredictable, not because war was so laughably implausible – his actions are not dictated by impulse, and his aggressions are not random. But he has retained his unpredictability because his actions are dictated not by reason, but rather by emotion. The war, one might infer, has morphed into a terrifying prospect: it is not merely a conflict to destabilize Ukraine, but a personal battle to maintain Putin's hold on his empire. It didn't matter that Ukraine would likely never be a member of NATO. That would never be enough for Putin, and so he made impossible demands that could never be met.

They were not accepted, of course. So he attacked.

Thirty minutes ago a maternity clinic was hit by a missile just outside of Kyiv. Forty minutes ago Ukraine's Chief Rabbi claimed that missiles struck a sacred memorial in the capital.

I can posture and claim how likely this invasion was to me given Russia's plain desperation. I can postulate that sanctions are rarely effective, their spare successes largely serving to harm the citizenry rather than the leaders sending troops to die for a worthless cause.

I could say all of that, but I'll think instead about my Ukrainian brothers and sisters, whose blood is my own and runs as red as anyone else's. I can not possibly know what might come next – none of us can.

I can only hope that we are all still here.

Kanye West and Celebrity Responsibility

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If you have been involved even remotely on any kind of social media app recently, chances are you've been exposed to the great Kanye West and Pete Davidson drama of the past few weeks. If you are fortunate enough to have avoided this recent mess, here's a quick synopsis.

Kanye West, following the articles and rumors of his ex-wife Kim Kardashian dating SNL star Pete Davidson, has said a few things. Posting primarily on Feb. 13, Kanye took to Instagram to air out some of his own frustrations ridiculing Pete, or as he called him, "Skete." Now there's a lot to unpack with this situation, but I want to take a more broad look at this event. Believe it or not, I think Kanye's persistent social media attacks during that time period and the aftermath of it all can be very informative about fan base culture as a whole, and the statuses

celebrities take on as role models in the 21st century. I believe that Kanye, by committing to frantic and erratic hate speech towards not just Pete but many other celebrities as well, is inherently dangerous. Other celebrities doing the same can cause just as much harm.

I want to clarify upfront that I don't think celebrities should be looked up to as moral role models in any way. We see famous people in the public eye who are singers, actors, directors, etc. get put up onto high pedestals and get praised for everything they do. I think it's important to remember that celebrities are also people, and have just as many flaws as we do. Just because a famous person writes good music, or is a great actor, that doesn't make them a moral role model. I'm a big fan of a lot of Kanye's music, but I think it would be reckless of me to look up to everything he ever did just

because I thought "Donda" was pretty good.

That being said, many people do choose to look up to their favorite celebrities, often with not a lot of regard. Normally, that isn't a very dangerous thing to do. A lot of celebrities in the public eye like Taylor Swift, Paul Rudd, Will Smith, etc. seem to be genuinely nice people with solid moral intentions. Other times, these famous people who come with some moral ambiguity are forced into positions of being role models when they don't want that responsibility. Unfortunately for us and for them, our modern "stan" culture permits that these famous people are looked up to in that way. This means that celebrities have been given a responsibility to, at least in the public eye, behave responsibly and respectfully so that their audience does not become badly influenced. While I don't believe this is how our society

should operate, it does. This brings us back to Kanye.

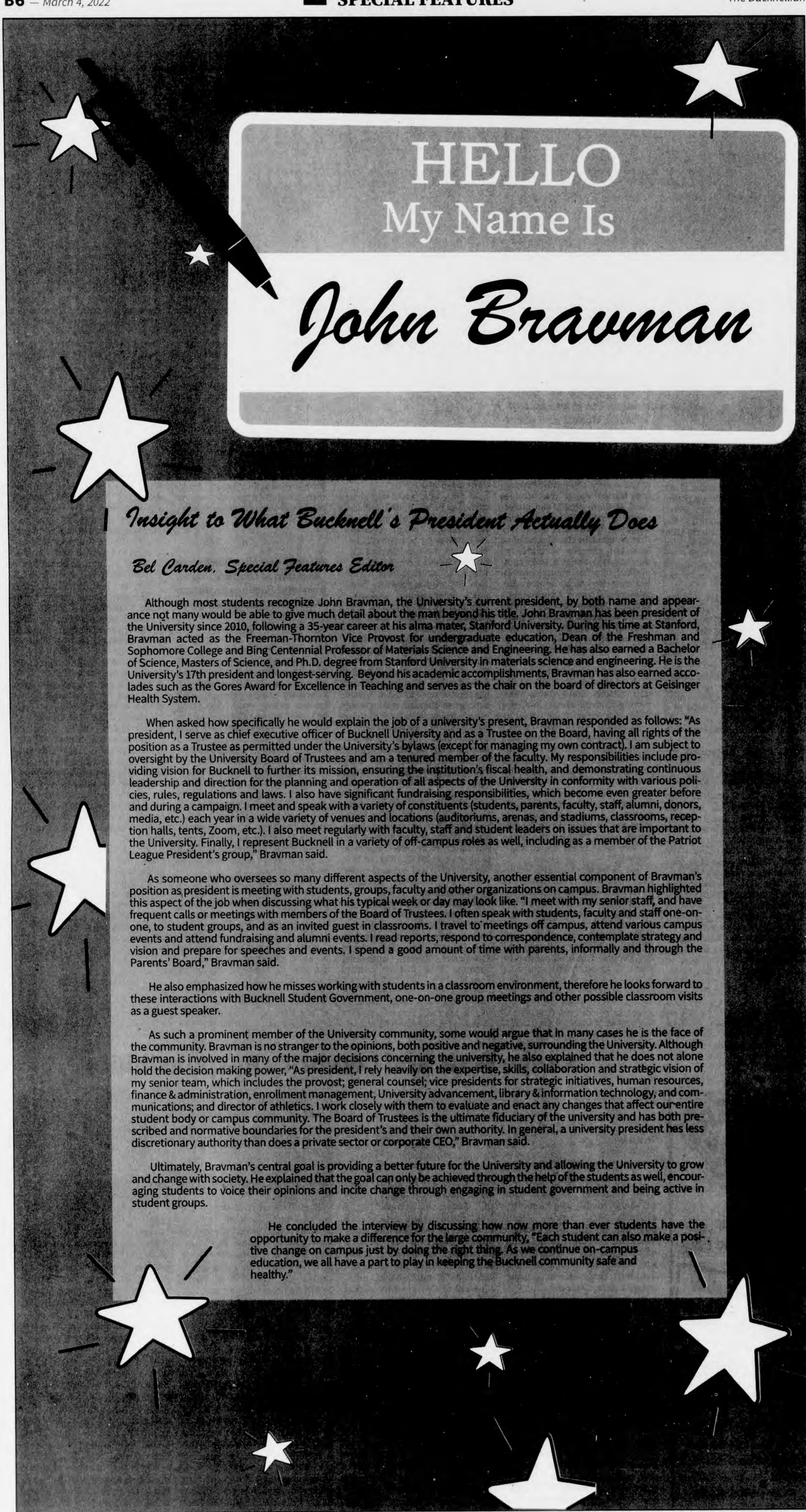
Kanye is very aware of how much impact he has on his incredibly loyal fanbase. So when he posts on Instagram with the intention of publicly harassing another high-profile individual, others will follow. Inciting hateful speech onto others is not an effective way to influence a large crowd of impressionable individuals. As humans, we are innately impressionable by those around us and especially those who we look up to. Whether Kanye likes it or not, he is one of the largest A-List celebrities of this time. While many of us can simply sit back and laugh at the innate comedy of these posts, many look at them as if they were scripture, as dramatic as that may sound. I only hope that Kanye and others can learn to control their hateful tendencies, either that or just get a better publicity team.

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Insight to What Bucknell's President Actually Does

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Although most students recognize John Bravman, the University's current president, by both name and appearance not many would be able to give much detail about the man beyond his title. John Bravman has been president of the University since 2010, following a 35-year career at his alma mater, Stanford University. During his time at Stanford, Bravman acted as the Freeman-Thornton Vice Provost for undergraduate education, Dean of the Freshman and Sophomore College and Bing Centennial Professor of Materials Science and Engineering. He has also earned a Bachelor of Science, Masters of Science, and Ph.D. degree from Stanford University in materials science and engineering. He is the University's 17th president and longest-serving. Beyond his academic accomplishments, Bravman has also earned accolades such as the Gores Award for Excellence in Teaching and serves as the chair on the board of directors at Geisinger Health System.

When asked how specifically he would explain the job of a university's present, Bravman responded as follows: "As president, I serve as chief executive officer of Bucknell University and as a Trustee on the Board, having all rights of the position as a Trustee as permitted under the University's bylaws (except for managing my own contract). I am subject to oversight by the University Board of Trustees and am a tenured member of the faculty. My responsibilities include providing vision for Bucknell to further its mission, ensuring the institution's fiscal health, and demonstrating continuous leadership and direction for the planning and operation of all aspects of the University in conformity with various policies, rules, regulations and laws. I also have significant fundraising responsibilities, which become even greater before and during a campaign. I meet and speak with a variety of constituents (students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, media, etc.) each year in a wide variety of venues and locations (auditoriums, arenas, and stadiums, classrooms, reception halls, tents, Zoom, etc.). I also meet regularly with faculty, staff and student leaders on issues that are important to the University. Finally, I represent Bucknell in a variety of off-campus roles as well, including as a member of the Patriot League President's group," Bravman said.

As someone who oversees so many different aspects of the University, another essential component of Bravman's position as president is meeting with students, groups, faculty and other organizations on campus. Bravman highlighted this aspect of the job when discussing what his typical week or day may look like. "I meet with my senior staff, and have frequent calls or meetings with members of the Board of Trustees. I often speak with students, faculty and staff one-on-one, to student groups, and as an invited guest in classrooms. I travel to meetings off campus, attend various campus events and attend fundraising and alumni events. I read reports, respond to correspondence, contemplate strategy and vision and prepare for speeches and events. I spend a good amount of time with parents, informally and through the Parents' Board," Bravman said.

He also emphasized how he misses working with students in a classroom environment, therefore he looks forward to these interactions with Bucknell Student Government, one-on-one group meetings and other possible classroom visits as a guest speaker.

As such a prominent member of the University community, some would argue that in many cases he is the face of the community. Bravman is no stranger to the opinions, both positive and negative, surrounding the University. Although Bravman is involved in many of the major decisions concerning the university, he also explained that he does not alone hold the decision making power. "As president, I rely heavily on the expertise, skills, collaboration and strategic vision of my senior team, which includes the provost; general counsel; vice presidents for strategic initiatives, human resources, finance & administration, enrollment management, University advancement, library & information technology, and communications; and director of athletics. I work closely with them to evaluate and enact any changes that affect our entire student body or campus community. The Board of Trustees is the ultimate fiduciary of the university and has both prescribed and normative boundaries for the president's and their own authority. In general, a university president has less discretionary authority than does a private sector or corporate CEO," Bravman said.

Ultimately, Bravman's central goal is providing a better future for the University and allowing the University to grow and change with society. He explained that the goal can only be achieved through the help of the students as well, encouraging students to voice their opinions and incite change through engaging in student government and being active in student groups.

He concluded the interview by discussing how now more than ever students have the opportunity to make a difference for the large community. "Each student can also make a positive change on campus just by doing the right thing. As we continue on-campus education, we all have a part to play in keeping the Bucknell community safe and healthy."



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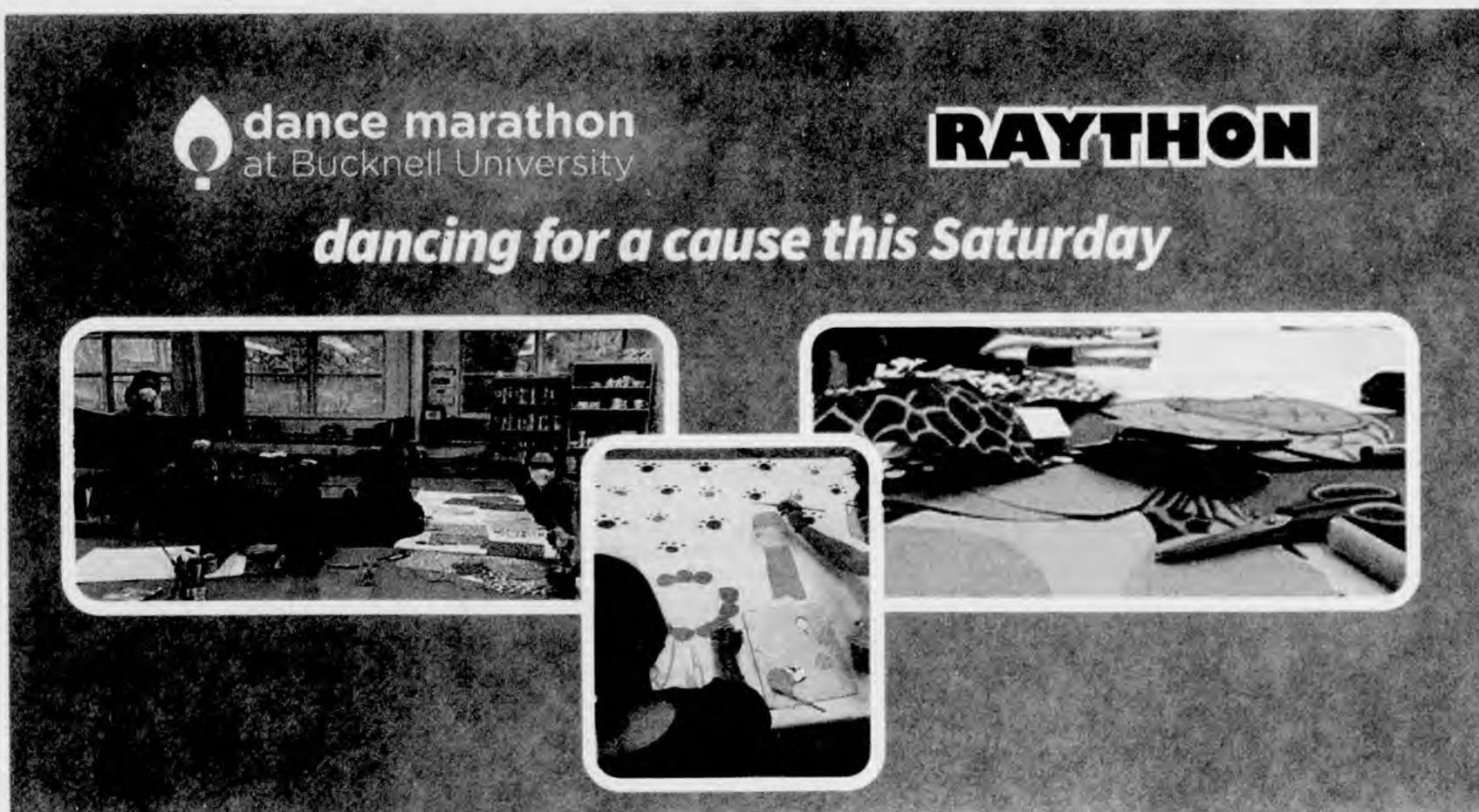


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On March 26, Dance Marathon will host the University's first-ever RAYthon — a student-led event combining dancing, games, food and fun into one philanthropic experience. All money fundraised leading up to and during Saturday's event will be donated to our local Children's Miracle Network Hospital: the Janet Weis Children's Hospital in Danville.

“Dance Marathon is a great way to rally the entire campus behind a good cause, so I would love to see this program grow and become an annual tradition on Bucknell's campus. It's also an opportunity to connect with the local children's hospital and give back to the community. It's always so inspiring to hear the stories of the Miracle Kids that we support,” April Hurlock '23 said, Executive Director of the University's Dance Marathon.

Dance Marathon is a nation-wide organization of more than 300,000 students that raises money and awareness for over 170 Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, with

all of the money they raise going towards the hospitals' dire needs, including medical equipment, treatments, support for Miracle children and families, special services, education and research for cures.

At the event itself, students can expect performances from We Break for Nobody, Beyond Unison, Bison Girls, the Bisonettes, the Redneck Rangers and Brent Papson. There will also be free food, merch giveaways, karaoke and a DJ. Miracle Kids and representatives from the hospital will also be making appearances so students can engage more with them and see who they are helping. The event ends with a grand reveal of the amount of money raised by the community.

“Students can look forward to a lot of dancing, a great time and a really meaningful experience that will help plenty of children in hospitals in the area,” Public Relations Chair Emilie Tristano '24 said.

For students, faculty, friends and family looking to get involved, they can sign up for a Donor Drive profile which generates a link that they can

send to their networks for donations and track how much they raise. It is also possible to register as a team, which a few clubs have already done. At certain benchmarks, students can earn free rewards — t-shirts, sweatshirts, thermoses, water bottles and fanny packs — at different donor levels. Students can sign up now or register at the event.

“I know that Bucknell is an extremely passionate and service-oriented community. Dance Marathon is a great way to get involved and support our local children in need. I would highly recommend this organization — it has been an extraordinarily rewarding experience to see the funds that we've raised impact the hospital and children's health for the better,” Hurlock said.

While this is the first-ever RAYthon, this is not the first Dance Marathon event on our campus. Last year, given COVID-19 restrictions, they hosted a spirit week, which included collaborations with downtown businesses, professor challenges and a virtual 5K. It successfully raised over

\$3,000. Striving to maintain community service and outreach for the Janet Weis Children's Hospital, on the first Monday of October, the club celebrated Child Health Day, making cards for the pediatric patients and beginning the campaigning and fundraising for RAYthon. They have also done virtual storybook readings that got sent to the children around the holidays.

“I hope that this event will be the final key in associating fun and energetic event with DM at Bucknell and further instill campus-wide interest and involvement,” External Director Cara LeCoz said. “This will be an amazing philanthropy opportunity for current Bucknell students and the community. We would greatly appreciate your support in any way to help promote RAYthon as we seek to establish it as an annual tradition at Bucknell... the kids can't wait!”

RAYthon will be held March 26, 5-9 p.m. in Larison Dining Hall. You can register for the Donor Drive or directly donate online.

Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium to receive \$12 million add-on

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Following the addition of the new scoreboard put in over this past summer, Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium will receive more add-ons this coming summer.

A new turf field will expand the stadium to be used by men's lacrosse, football, men's and women's cross country and track & field, according to Director of Athletics and Recreation Jermaine Truax. These teams are the primary users of Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium and will find the most benefit from the new addition.

“These enhancements will positively enhance the student-athlete experience, help us attract talented prospective student-athletes, and significantly improve the game day experience,” Truax said.

The turf field will be constructed over the grass practice field in between the University gates and Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium. This field has been used in past years for practice by various teams and for hosting various University gatherings, such as certain events during homecoming.

Current plans for the project expect its completion by July 2022.

Truax said that the project, which includes the new field in 2021, the new turf field in 2022 and a team center planned for construction in 2024, will cost about \$12 million, with the bulk \$10 million coming from the Pascucci family donation as part of their \$40 million gift to the University. The rest will be funded through private, fund-raised dollars.

He also said that the new field will not only be used for practices, but also for competitions, strength and conditioning

training. Once the team center is built the area will also have meeting spaces, rehabilitation services and a locker room for the varsity men's lacrosse team.

“We are very excited about the impact of the Pascucci Athletics Complex on the Bison men's lacrosse program,” men's lacrosse head coach Frank Fedorjaka said. “We are already seeing what the new video board does to enhance the fan experience at our home games.”

“The installation of the new turf field will help support overlapping team practice activities at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium, which in turn will help our student-athletes make more efficient use of their time as they work to balance their training and academic schedules.”

Because of the location of the new field, the throwing events for the track & field team will have their practices and competitions relocated to an area near the west side of campus, across Route 15.

Throws coach Ryan Protzman said that although the facilities near the stadium give athletes the chance to cheer on their teammates when not competing, the new facility will make it easier to operate track meets at the University by spreading out the javelin runway and the other throwing sectors.

“Our current set up makes it challenging to handle the logistics of a meet day or weekend,” Protzman said. “Although it's hard to be the only event group on the move, it's an exciting feeling to get new throwing areas. Our new throwing areas will be spaced out to create a safer environment for our athletes, our competitors, and those working the events.”

University plans to update masking policies

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According to an email from President John Bravman on March 10, the University plans on updating its masking policy on March 26.

This Saturday, the University plans to update the mandate so that masks will no longer be required in indoor public spaces across campus — a policy change consistent with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as the risk level of Union County. University employees can nevertheless require masks to be worn in classrooms, laboratories, work spaces or office spaces.

The email included a warning for students for the few weeks leading up to the ruling:

“While we are all eager for a break from masks, I want to underscore the fact that the current requirements will remain in place until March 26. In particular, masks must continue to be worn in all classrooms, labs and academic spaces during the week after spring break,” President Bravman said in the March 10 email.

The email said that this update will only happen if Union County is rated low or medium risk by the CDC. According to the CDC's U.S. COVID-19 Community Levels by County Map, Union County is currently rated “Low Risk” for COVID-19 frequency.

According to the email,

instructors are permitted to ask students to leave the area if the student is asked to mask and refuses. All instructors are expected to let students know their decision on masking requirements in their spaces after March 26.

“I want to stress that no matter which guidelines are in place, everyone retains the personal choice to mask, in any situation on campus — or, in my opinion, anywhere. Many members of our community will want or need to continue to wear masks. We expect that they will be treated with the utmost respect. If you are more comfortable continuing to wear a mask in public spaces at Bucknell, by all means continue to do so,” President Bravman said.

Some students seem to be looking forward to the change.

“I'm excited to not have to wear my mask around campus,” said Siobhan O'Sullivan '24, a History and Russian dual-major. “I'm hoping that numbers stay down so that everyone on campus is comfortable with the new rules.”

Some others added that it is a shift in the right direction to go back to the way campus was pre-COVID. The first-year class especially seems to want the policy updated.

“I feel like it'll be nice to return to relative normalcy,” said Angelo Regec '25, a Mechanical Engineering

major. “It will be interesting to see how many professors still require masks. I'm very excited for the plan to be implemented.”

Biology Professor Ken Field said that he decided that his classes will be required to mask for the week after March 26, but if cases are low in the following week he will reconsider. His decision was not made lightly.

After conducting an anonymous survey with his students, he learned that roughly 10-15% of his students in his biology classes are not comfortable with having masks optional while in class and nearly half of his students plan on wearing a mask anyway.

“I think it is important to recognize that each individual has a different level of risk from COVID exposure and also a different tolerance for that risk. I told my students that I would be masking until I saw evidence that case rates were low on campus, based both on the testing positivity rate and the waste-water monitoring.”

“Students are weighing their own tolerance for risk and balancing that against their personal health, mental health, and learning engagement,” he continued. “Unfortunately there is no single solution that will apply to all of our students or classes.”

breaking the bubble

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News Co-Editor

DOMESTIC

President Joe Biden's administration has formally accused Russia of committing war crimes during their invasion of Ukraine. The siege of the port of Mariupol was used as one of the main instances of criminal belligerency by Russia, according to a report by the Los Angeles Times. The report said that Ukraine claims that Russian forces seized aid missions working their way into the city. The Red Cross also told the LA Times that one of their convoys was refused entry into the city, but could not confirm the exact allegations made by Ukraine.

Madeleine Albright, the first woman to serve as the U.S. secretary of state, died on Wednesday. She was 84 years-old. On her Twitter page, her family announced that she died of cancer, "surrounded by friends and family." She served in the role during President Bill Clinton's administration, dealing with issues such as the breakup of Yugoslavia and the rise of Islamic fundamentalist terrorism in the Middle East, according to the Guardian.

INTERNATIONAL

Russia announces that it will be removing an unspecified number of diplomats from the United States, matching the recent expulsion of 12 Moscow diplomats in New York representing Russia for the United Nations. At the end of February, the United States removed said delegates over concerns that they were "intelligence operatives," according to Al-Jazeera.

Netflix announced a plan to charge for password sharing. According to NPR, this move has angered many customers. The company issued in a statement that the sharing by its 222 million customers is beginning to hinder their chance to grow as a company. Sharing will not be banned, but customers will be charged varying prices based on a number of factors. The plan, according to NPR, will be tested in Chile, Costa Rica and Peru before being implemented anywhere else.

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Uprooting Media tour comes to campus

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On March 29-30, Kameleon Productions will be coming to campus as part of their "Uprooting Medea tour," which focuses on their interpretation of Euripides' Greek tragedy "Medea" and includes events such as class visits, script workshops and roundtable discussions. This event is coordinated through Assistant Professor of Critical Black Studies Dr. Jaye Austin Williams and Professor of Classics & Ancient Mediterranean Studies Dr. Stephanie Larson.

"Medea" is a tragic play surrounding the protagonist Medea, who has to find the strength within herself to fight inequality after escaping her homeland and being abandoned by her husband, threatening her position in Greek society. Kameleon's interpretation features an all-global majority cast and crew, as well as original compositions, movement and spoken word commissioned by the company. This new "Medea" examines the pertinent topics of race, belonging, identity, home and foreignness by centering these themes, which were present in the original.

"There is an incredible legacy of communities, especially minority communities, using "Medea" to speak to questions of belonging, identity, and immigration... However, what marks our production as so different was Francesca Amewudah-Rivers' (the person who thought this

all up back at Oxford) idea - to replace the Euripidean choral odes with newly commissioned spoken word pieces and poetry that speak directly to our communities, that she then sets to her own new compositions," Shivaik Shah, the Founder and Producer of Kameleon Productions, said.

The "Uprooting Medea tour" events will introduce Kameleon's new "Medea" project and discuss the development and adaptation of Kameleon's work. The tour is co-sponsored by the Brown Arts Institute (BAI), curated and produced by their Visiting Artist Shivaik Shah and is part of Brown's inaugural Interrogating the Classics Series. The events will also explore Kameleon's creative practice of elevating global-majority artists through multimedia forms including theatre, film, music and poetry.

"Diversity is a core part of what makes creativity great, and at Kameleon we know that, and centre that. This needs to be achieved through systemic changes in the industry of who is making the art - not just on stage, but behind the stage also. We believe narratives for BIPOC communities should come from and be built for and with those communities. We also believe it is our responsibility to create celebratory collaborative spaces that champion and platform young global-majority creatives," Shah said.

The presentation will also give an insight into their upcoming short film project, directed by Riffy Ahmen and set for release on the film festival circuit in 2022.

"The tour itself has been a powerful and joyful experience, and the best experiences are the ones where we are able to bring our work directly to students, workshopping our script and ideas with a broad range of young people who breathe insight and fresh thought into our work," Shah said.

After their tour stops at 30 different colleges and universities across the country, Kameleon will return to Brown University to hold a virtual gathering for all of the participating schools. This will include appearances of special guests who will lead discussions, creating an intercollegiate exchange of experiences around the project, focused specifically on the performance history and legacy of "Medea," as well as Classics more broadly.

"We hope that students will learn about our work, our approach to antiquity, and the potential of sticking with the Arts and creativity upon graduation (I graduated just a couple of years ago in 2019). We believe our journey is one that is attainable for any young student that is willing to commit to their creativity and message, and we believe this visit will be an insight into how to do that," Shah said.

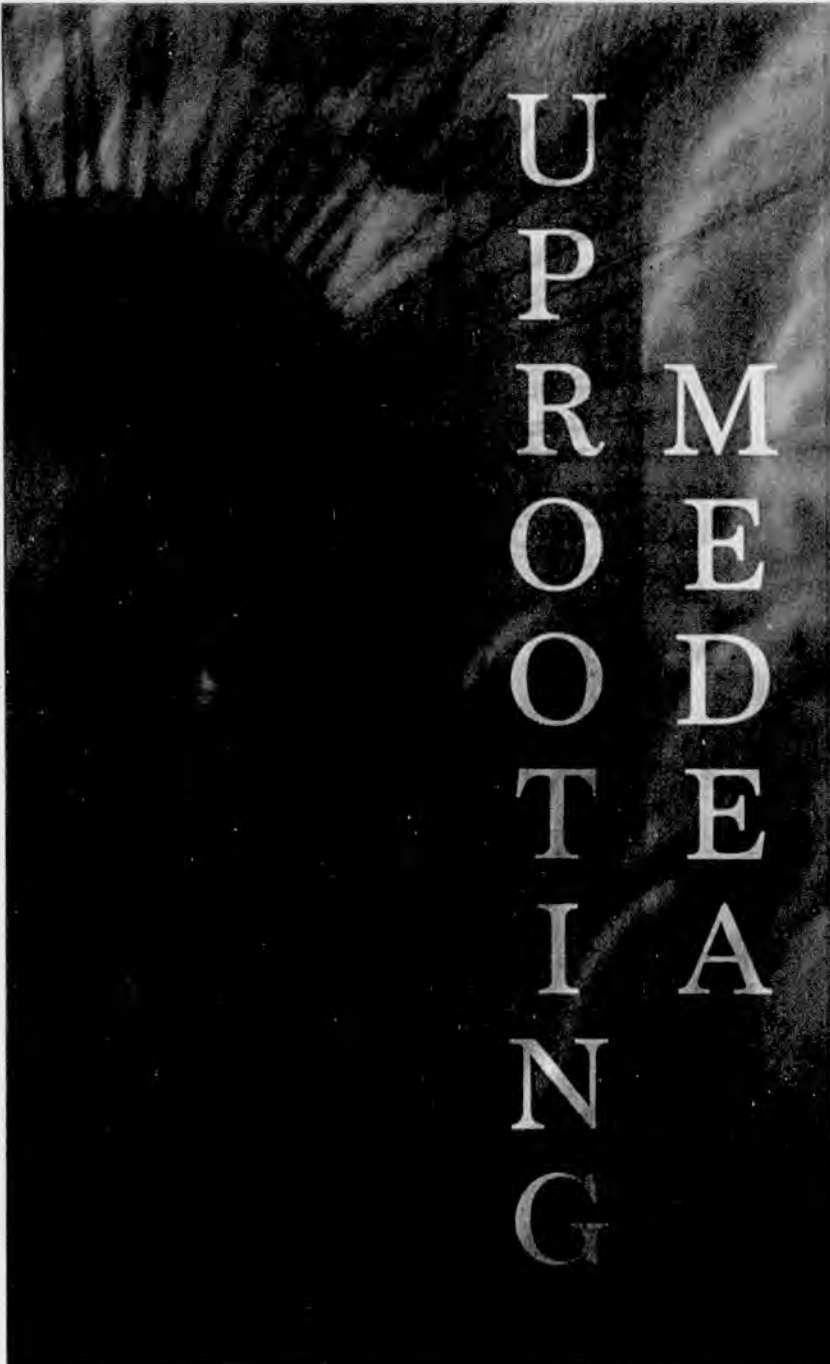


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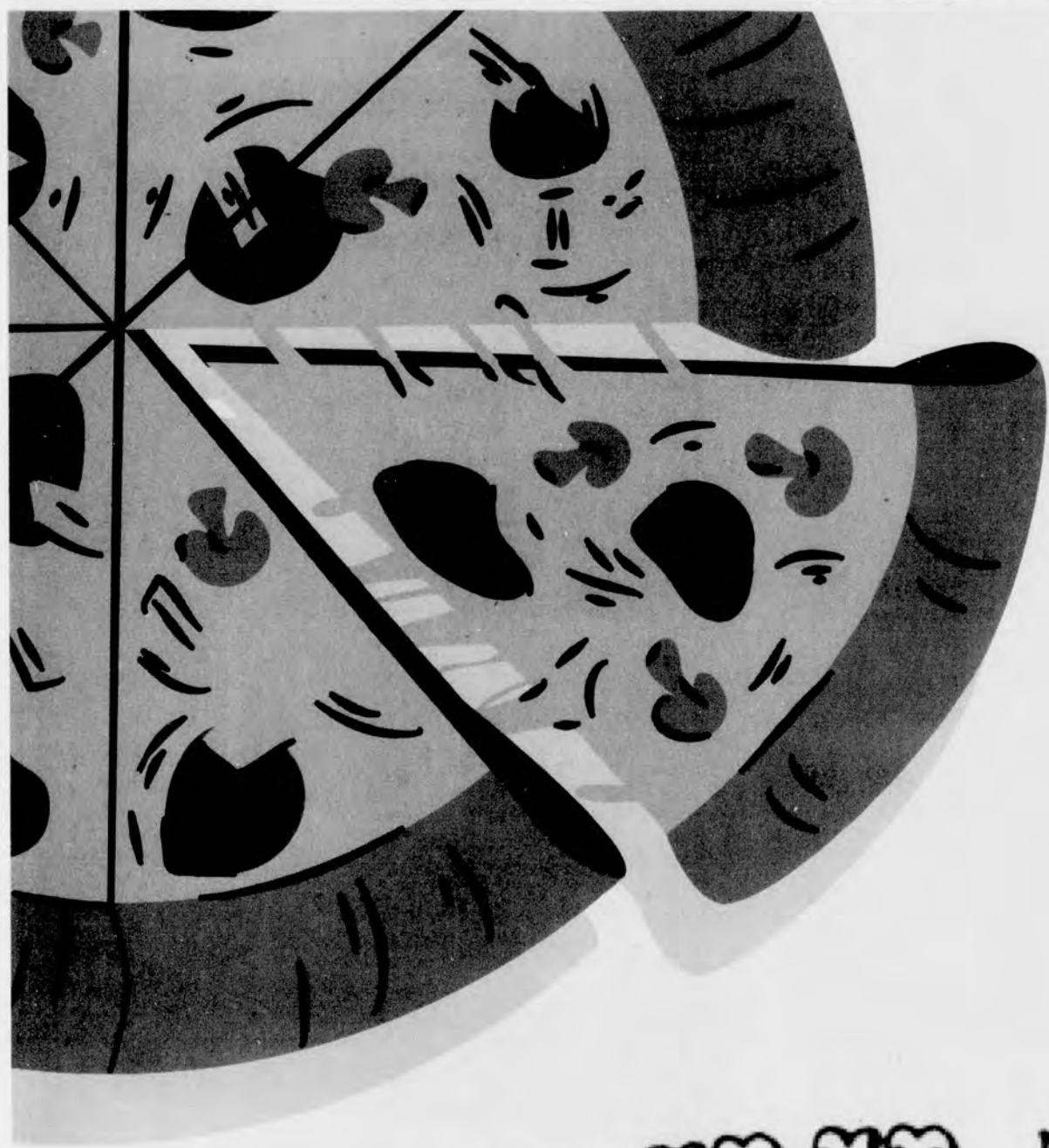
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“Two Different Kinds of Bucknell Experiences”: The Ever Rising Costs of University Tuition

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Earlier this month, President John Bravman released a statement notifying students and parents of yet another rise for the University's already-steep tuition. Two years after the campus froze academic cost increases as a result of the then-novel pandemic, and one year after the price rose by a mere 2.75 percent, the cost of tuition for the 2022-2023 academic year will rise to \$61,408. This represents a 3.25 percent increase over the previous year, and one that seats the University comfortably among the most expensive schools in the United States.

Yet Eileen Petula, Vice President for Finance and Administration, insists that such a fiscal move is truly “sensitive to cost pressures.” According to Petula, the rise in cost over the past year's tuition constituted “one of the smallest annual increases in more than 10 years,” arguing that the fiscal change accommodates the “necessary investments in its people, its programs and facilities.” President Bravman himself noted the seemingly effective utilization of tuition funds, highlighting areas of campus progress such as opening Holmes Hall, unveiling a solar array and promising to “install a new athletics practice field near the stadium.”

This most recent tuition increase is part of a dizzying trend for the University that, like many other private institutions, has secularly grown in price. Since 2012, the campus' academic cost has risen over 31 percent, increasing every year since with a brief suspension during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic has presented several notable hurdles for the University, prompting harsh social and economic restrictions and decreased levels of spending in most areas of the school's budget. Since the pandemic's inception, the University has been quick to adhere to official safety protocols to combat the spread of the coronavirus, efforts Petula notes for the period “between March 2020 and June 2022, are projected to surpass \$18 million.”

It is no surprise that despite the pandemic being far from over, the University has quickly

resumed its tuition rising practices to offset its many expenditures and net losses in the two prior years. These were naturally compounded by the tuition freeze of 2020 – though Petula admits there were still “increases to student fees, room and board,” despite it serving as a year of ostensible financial reprieve to students and families reeling from an unpredictable pandemic.

“The lack of information on what is ‘in greatest need’ prompts the question of where Bucknell's priorities lie.”

Yet even if the pause on tuition increases in 2020 were to have endured through the present day, the University's academic costs would still rank as one of the most expensive in the country. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the average tuition price for private, four-year institutions reached \$36,700 in 2019. Including minor activity fees, the University's tuition in 2019 cost over one-and-a-half-times that, at \$58,196.

But the concerns over mounting tuition prices for higher education are not limited to the University alone, even if it is among the worst offenders. During a period in which a third of workers are making less than \$31,000 a year, the prospects of higher education for hopeful students continues to be a rather distant possibility.

This severe departure from the national average indicates a dissonance between the demands of the campus and the resources available for prospective students and families that may wish to attend. This divide may be mitigated through more significant efforts to distribute financial aid, an area in which Eileen Petula is quick to vaunt the University's achievements. She stated that “financial aid is the single-fastest growth area in the budget, increasing more than 11 percent between the 2019-20 and 2020-21 fiscal years.”

While Petula noted that “the University has set a goal of achieving a discount rate of at least 35 percent by the fall 2025 and is on track to exceed that goal”, U.S. News & World Report says that there remains a glaring eight percent gap between demonstrated student financial need and what the University actually provides.

The campus has acknowledged in the recent past its failings in meeting the needs of its students, particularly when compared to peer institutions. According to the University's 2019 The Plan for 2025 report, “many of the institutions with which we compete for students have lower comprehensive costs and/or significantly higher discount rates.” This reality is observed as “putting Bucknell at a disadvantage in its efforts to recruit a highly qualified, diverse student body.”

For many students, costs and fees are among the most pressing concerns when considering what campus they will attend; yet even those currently enrolled have acknowledged the prevailing hardships afflicted by financial burdens. According to the 2019 MyVoice Survey (the most recent and comprehensive method of gauging the opinions of the campus community), 29 percent of student respondents experienced concerns over financial resources. Financial aid was among the top ten responses for additional resources that the University could provide to support students. While 27 percent of respondents to the survey noted that financial aid and scholarships influenced their decision to enroll at the University, the reality remains that the University's gap between the fiscal needs of students and the campus' abilities to meet them are far from completely met.

It is not only current students who worry about this tuition increase. Erica Delsandro '02, Assistant Professor of Women's and Gender Studies, acknowledges the manner in which her own experiences have tied closely with fiscal concerns. During her time as a student, tuition crossed the \$30,000 mark; now as it approaches over twice that amount at \$80,000, she says the conversation around tuition has become even more important. “I do think the class diversity was in some ways somewhat less in that the student population didn't pull from the economic extremes as much as it pulled from a kind of economic

middle and higher middle,” Delsandro said during an interview with the Bucknellian. “Because of a greater attention to diversifying our student population, this conversation about tuition, I think, has become more important.”

The tuition prices are determined by the Board of Trustees – a group that, according to the University's website, “guides the strategic direction of the University.” It is curious to note that despite the Board's patent importance over the campus' fiscal affairs, wherein their authority ranges from the allocation of funds to the tuition charges placed upon students, they meet three times a year and rarely communicate with students. Their names are widely available, as are the summaries of their meetings, yet it is telling that such a critical group on campus that widely determines the conditions students live under for four years remain largely elusive.

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The difficulties in communicating with the Board of Trustees speaks to a broader reality at the University: critical information about this campus, such as the means to which it receives its funds, are difficult to come by. The Internal Audit is referred to as an organizationally independent department, yet according to Petula, still “reports directly to the Audit, Compliance & Risk Management Committee of the Board of Trustees.” She also cited the “confidential nature of the information included in the audit reports” as the reason for a lack of public distribution of said audits.

For instance, when individuals choose to contribute charitably

to the University, they have the option to give to the “area of greatest need”, yet do not know specifically what they are donating to due to the school's disclosure. But donors trust, and are told, that it will be helpful to an otherwise lacking area.

The dearth of information on what is “in greatest need” prompts the question of where the University's priorities lie. On the school website, the section titled “Your Impact” displays how the University uses donor money. It is an impressive list, including enhancements to faculty recruitment, research funds, DEI efforts, financial aid and more. However, the list is not exhaustive, nor does it mention how much money goes to each component. It notes that donor money is used to build financial aid funds, yet fails to disclose that information with any specificity.

Without full transparency, it is unclear how funding that could be provided for financial aid is instead allocated to other areas, such as new sporting arenas. The lack of public information means that pledges such as the “Malesardi Match”, which designated \$12 million entirely to financial aid endowment in 2016, can not be externally determined as arriving where they were intended to reach.

Beyond the classroom, Delsandro is concerned that “outside opportunities will be limited to students with significant financial support. Unpaid internships, for example, are often available to students thanks to alumni connections, but scholarships and financial aid do not always cover those internships, and students and their families may not have the resources to make those opportunities feasible while paying for an increasingly expensive education.”

“I don't think Bucknell has fully figured out how to support the entire student experience and all the opportunities that a Bucknell education is supposed to offer in a way that fully includes students who are dependent on aid and scholarships to pay for tuition. So to me, that's kind of where the rubber hits the road,” Delsandro said, adding that this was not a problem that is unique to the University, but one that we must address nonetheless.

“We can have a whole bunch of different kinds of students at Bucknell,” Delsandro said. “But there still may be two different kinds of Bucknell experiences.”

An Apology to Gen Z: We need to understand you better, fam.

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Senior Writer

Gen Z,

What's up, homie? How've y'all been? We lost your socials a while back and only just dug them up, so we thought "why not hit those Gen Zers up and see what's poppin'?"

But you know TFW you realize you understand nothing about another group? That's how we feel about you. These are trying times, so we wanted to get in touch and let you know that we're all in this together, fam. But that is really difficult to do when we don't pass the vibe check.

So we finna learn your language and stop being cheugy. You peeps are the CEOs of trends and spilling the tea, so hopefully, you can help us with our glow-up and stop ghosting us. We no longer simp for dictionaries, they had none of the relevant slang and couldn't help with our linguistic drip. Big yikes. The modern music you kids listen to does really hit different. What bops. Sheeesh. Dua Lipa and Doja Cat have taught us so much, but some things still don't connect. We were told that CupcakKe's music slaps, so CPR is the next on our list. Any song

about emergency medical treatment must be good. Period.

Twitter has also been very informative, seeing you drag people and participate in cancel culture is very rad. The clapbacks are so extra and sending us. And don't get us started on Tick-Tock, that fancy clock app has taught us so much! Y'all are so snatched, get it, sis! It's part of what has introduced us to so much of the new music scene, those bops really live rent-free. The drama seems a bit much, ikkyk. Just too much hate in the world and that ain't it, chief. All the more need for us to understand and connect to you better.

Hopefully, us trying to connect doesn't seem like we're finessing, which would be decidedly not cash money. We don't want to have a main character or "catch these hands" moment with you; no E-girls, E-boys, Pick-me girls or boys here. We'll never be the G.O.A.T, but hopefully, we aren't sus and can start to vibe with you better man. We just want to be woke and not salty anymore, but feel free to tell us to take several seats.

Stay on fleek and get redpilled, we'll catch you homies later!

-Those People You Call "Boomers"

In Courageous New Legislation, all Bears Banned for their Synonymy with Russia

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Due to the Russian government's barbarous invasion of Ukraine, it is no surprise that many parts of the world are forming sanctions on Russia and trying to punish it for its actions, and it is well time for the University itself to get in on this action. However, since the University would never deign to ban vodka, this past week administration chose to ban bears from the campus grounds instead. To justify their ban, the administration cited the "consistent and harmful synonymy" with the invading country, since Russia is often characterized by the figure of a bear. It suffices to say that this momentous news broke hot on the heels of the Fédération Internationale Féline (self-described as "The United Nations of cat federations") banning all Russian cats from their various widespread cat competitions, thereby robbing Russian citizens from participating in cat shows because of their tyrannical leader's actions.

"I never really thought about Russia that much," Baloo said, a local black bear roaming the Lewisburg area. "I usually just think about 'oh, what am I going to eat today', or 'oh wow, a picnic basket', but Russia? That seems a little out of my league, don't you think?" it said before scarfing down the baloney sandwich we had promised

it. "I mean my great Uncle's a Eurasian, but he doesn't really get on with that political stuff. He's just trying to survive out there, and now you're saying he can't even visit?"

A similar case is going on in shops and stores all around the country where Russian vodka is being boycotted all across the United States, despite the fact that Americans consume less than 1 percent of all vodka made in Russia. It is clear that despite the despotic Russian government rampaging through a foreign country, it is in fact the fault of all things Russian that this is happening, from cats to vodka to bears, and thus, they must be punished as well. Is expressing support for Russian people the same as expressing support for the Russian government? No, it is not. How will trashing a Russian food market get in the way of Putin's army? That only serves to disenfranchise employees and terrorize citizens innocent of this plight.

The Ukrainian people are in great danger by Putin's invasion, and it is indeed in our best interest as a society to aid those people as best we can without getting directly involved; however, there is, and will always be, a distinct difference between a country's people and their government. While banning Russian-oriented products might satisfy our citizenry, we should in no way take it out on our animal brethren as well.

As Cherry Blossoms Sprout, Hay Fever sets in for Endangered Student Population

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Satire Co-Editor

As our student population enters into a strong, mask-free spring, dangerous outbreaks of "hay fever" threaten to undo all of the University's years of progress on COVID. Hay fever, also known as "The Spring Sneezin'" has symptoms similar to the common cold. It spreads by, as the name subtly implies, sneezing and coughing. However, while it would be assumed that our many battles with the pandemic would enable us to fight it as easily as a modern marine would dispatch of a 14th-century English peasant, that is not the case. COVID, like Carmen Sandiego and Waldo alike, has always slipped through our grasp. With the looming

threat of hay fever, our bodies, minds and spirits may not be able to handle another semester masked up.

Of course, these threats of instability have not gone unnoticed. Our valiant administration has privately organized a select group of individuals to take the new "Hay-O variant" to task, but instead of masking up again — which would cause untold amounts of student unrest — they decided on a different course of action. Starting the week of the first positive COVID case, everyone will have to wear paper bags on their heads. Due to the excessive PPE spending to provide now-unused masks and never-used hand sanitizer to students, the University ran out of alumni funds to afford anything else.

"It's for the best," unintentional

contributor Juffalo Bringman said. "We have no more money! It's the bare necessities I tell you!" After sneaking out from under his front porch, I got to hear more of his phone conversation from the comfort of his back patio.

"Curse you, Coronavirus! One day, we'll take you to task!" He added, shaking his fist at the sky. It's safe to say that although mask mandates are winding down, we won't be uncovered for long. If by some miracle nobody tests (or tests positive!) for hay fever, then we should all remain bare-faced in the most incredible (and controversial) fashion statement of 2022. Then again, when it comes to fashion, nothing says "cool" like a facemask of your own face. Those were good times, good times.

Gambling Night Swept by Vegas Caravan

Aaron Chin
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The University held a campus-wide casino night that got many students excited. With fun games such as poker, craps, and blackjack, it looked like an evening ripe for fun activities. With fun games, music, and prizes, what could go wrong?

A lot, apparently. At 8:55 on Friday night, the doors to casino night opened, revealing a caravan of menacing looking bald, white guys who looked to be about fifty-three years old. They wore black tracksuits and walked in a triangle formation, with the leader wearing black sunglasses that covered his eyes.

One of the dealers approached the group. Their name was Thow Noggin (named "Thow" because they make it rain cash, and "Noggin" because they are always smarter than everyone else). Thow approached the leader, trying to appear more confident than they felt.

"Excuse me, but who are you?" asked Thow.

"You can call me 'Boss,' little

one," said the leader, "because I have come to take over this establishment."

"That's not his real name," said one of the underlings. "That's his street name."

"Shut up, Aaron," said Boss.

"Why are you here?" asked Thow. "This is for students only."

"I was a student here, once," said Boss. "And because of it, I was dirt poor. This university sucked the money out of my pockets like it was a bat outta Hell. So now, now is my time to take my revenge."

"How?" asked Thow, growing suddenly nervous. "What's your plan?"

"My plan," Boss said, "is to take this here caravan across the country to all the college casino nights, win all the prizes and sell them for more than they're worth. See that Keurig over there? The retail price on that is \$129.99. Even if I sell it for as little as \$135, that's still profit. Money in the bank. Easy. And then I'll finally be able to live out my dream."

"What's your dream?" asked Thow, growing curious.

"To move to a town called

Valentine Up North."

"But I've never heard of Valentine Up North."

"It's great," said Boss. "The greatest town there ever was, until it was burned down by that anthracite mine explosion all those years ago."

The crowd gasped at this shocking development.

"Don't worry, calm down everyone," said Boss, gesturing with his hands to calm everyone. "I'll restore it to its former glory. So, if you would allow me to play..."

"But this is for students only," said Thow, their voice barely above a whisper.

"I am a student." With that, Boss pulled out a document from his backpack, showing that he had secretly been a student at the University for thirty-five years, plotting his revenge...

Excerpt From Boss's Autobiography:

And so, with all the money I made from all of the casino nights I raided, I was able to restore Valentine to what it once was. Wow. It turns out, Keurig money can go a very long way.

Students with last housing time slot to live with Bravman

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For college students, one of the — if not the number one — biggest stresses, stems from registering for housing. Luckily, the University has many wonderful housing options that students are willing to set up a literal Fight Club-style fighting ring for early housing registration time slots.

The most coveted on-campus spots are the South Campus Apartments, more commonly (and much more accurately) known as the Senior Apartments. This year, the Senior Apartments were all filled in a matter of seconds, leaving many students worried about where they would end up living next year. Some hastily drove to Bass Pro Shops in fear that they may have to pitch

tents in the 24-hour room of Bertrand Library.

Despite the recent mold events of last semester, on-campus housing is, without a doubt, the best option for students. Nevertheless, there are always some students who would prefer to live downtown for easy access to nightlife — whatever that is in central Pa. — and alcohol poisoning.

This year, housing registration was such a battle that a new on-campus living option opened up: rooms in University President John Bravman's house. While the housing fee is increased by threefold to rent a room in the President's house, many students had no other option than to take advantage of this

once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"I am a little wary about living in Bravman's house next semester, I just hope he's a chill RA," John Brayman '24 said, a mechanical engineering student.

Other students were more optimistic about the Bravman rent-a-room situation. "Home cooked meals and family game night? Count me in," Jani Bayman '23 said.

The campus community is excited to see the first ever group of students living in what will be called "The Thunder Dome." The University has announced that the campus shuttle will make stops for students living in the President's house.

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THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Is Campus Actually Inclusive of International Students?

Bel Carden

Special Features Editor

The University's class of 2025 had 11,263 applicants, 3,886 admitted students, 1,035 students who chose to continue their education at the University, representing 43 different countries. According to the University website, of the 3,611 undergraduates currently enrolled in the university for the spring semester, around 200 of these students identify as international students. This means around 5.5 percent of the University student population is international students. On a broader scale, this statistic aligns with the United States percentage which is also 5.5 percent. Although the University does provide resources such as International Student Services to ease the transition of these students into the campus culture, many international students have expressed that such a transition is much easier said than done. To inquire further about these experiences, the Bucknellian reached out to 3 different international students from three different areas in hopes of offering a glimpse of what the University has been like through their lens.

Many international students were drawn to the University for the same reasons as everyone else: the campus community, notable academic reputation and one-on-one faculty-student relationships which are much easier to cultivate in a smaller university environment. Simbi Maphosa '23, a student from Zimbabwe, emphasized these points while explaining her other motivations to come to the University. "I chose to come to Bucknell because of the school's outstanding engineering program and I had no doubt that I would get an excellent education at the school," Maphosa said. "When I applied to Bucknell, the school was ranked top 10 in the best undergraduate engineering programs. I was attracted to the small classroom setting that would allow me to form close relationships with the faculty and students. Outside of academics, I really liked that Bucknell was a relatively small school located in a small town."

"Moving to college in a small town made my transition to a foreign country less overwhelming and made it easier for me to adjust to the new U.S. environment

and culture. The school was also recommended to me by other students from my home country who were students at Bucknell."

Student Wutt Kyi '22 hails from Myanmar. She highlighted that a contributing factor in her decision to attend the University was the international community reputation and engineering program. "Bucknell is known for its generosity with scholarships and having a small tight-knit international community. I am one of the Davis United World College scholars, which is one of the scholarships affiliated with my high school. I knew that some of the Davis United World College scholars came to Bucknell, so I thought I would be able to find a community here. Additionally, Bucknell's strong engineering program and its focus on undergraduates really drew me here."

Every college student goes into their first year with different expectations or assumptions about what exactly the "college experience" will be. However, many international students have another layer added to this anticipation, wondering what a college experience in the United States will be. Jason Pyon '24 from Seoul, South Korea explained one of the most surprising aspects of the University was the social scene, specifically surrounding the university's drinking culture. "I would say the party scene [was surprising]. Drinking in South Korea is more like a communal thing. I get together with my friends and have dinner together, and I would hang out with them for the entire night. Usually, I would go to karaoke, bars and arcade. I am not used to the house party format."

"The party scene here is more focused on socializing with new people and expanding your social network. Whereas in Korea, I would have a certain amount of people whom I would hang out with. It is more about consolidating bonds between people you already know."

Maphosa also touched on the unexpected social culture, particularly involving Greek life, that is so normalized in colleges across the country and definitely at the university. "Greek life is something that is uniquely American and does not exist in my home country. In my country, students do not usually have

social events on campus. A lot of the activities outside of the classroom are done off-campus. I did not expect college students to party in dorms. Universities in my home country do not offer coed housing options and that is something that I had to get used to in the U.S."

She also touched on how the student-professor interactions and overall professionalism on campus differ from her expectation based on Zimbabwe. "The classroom setting at Bucknell is very different from what I had envisioned it was going to be. There is a huge difference between how students here interact with their professors and how students in my home country interact with their professors. Here, students have more informal, casual interactions with professors and usually have personal relationships outside of the classroom."

Although there have been many positives in their experiences at the University, there have been equally as many challenges for international students. "I did not know how unsafe a campus can be in the United States," Wutt noted, "especially for certain groups of people on this campus. After hearing about the University cover-up of sexual violence, I wonder how many cases were shot down and covered up in the past. I wonder how many victims went unheard and seen. I wonder if the people with power and authority even care about the well-being of ALL of the students who they should be serving every day."

Wutt and Simbi both touched on how the experience of going to a university in another country has affected their sense of identity. Simbi explained some of these pressures, "When I moved to the U.S. for college, everything from the food, environment, weather, social expectations, people, language, culture, etc. was different and a whole new experience for me. I had to learn a lot of new things about the U.S. culture and figure out a way to integrate my new experiences with my own culture and identity. It has been challenging for me to deal with the cultural differences that I face in a lot of different spaces on campus. Upon joining the University, I felt a lot of pressure to assimilate to the American, white culture to fit into the school, and I have found that a

lot of people are not very open and appreciative of people who are true to their authentic selves — especially when it is different from the majority. It has also been difficult to thrive in college with a very small support system as most of my family, who are a huge part of my support system, are not in the U.S."

Wutt also emphasized the struggle with self during her time at the University. "In the United States, I am forced to be reminded of my identity almost every second of the day. Living as a minority here in the United States is very challenging and mentally draining both on and off-campus. Here, I have been treated differently and at times mistreated by the domestic students. Is it because of my gender, nationality, race, and/or accent? I do not know."

"Although International Student Services has been very helpful and supportive, there is room for improvement as an institution. For example, international students do not have our own safe space aside from a global house. Moreover, existing international students should not be carrying the burden of the institution to recruit more international students. If the University truly wants to be more diverse, more finances should be allocated to offices that are recruiting and supporting more international students. Last but not the least, since international students are restricted to only working on-campus during the semester, the current on-campus wage is too low to cover our expenses in the United States."

For a university that places such an emphasis on its diversity and inclusion initiatives, some think the University should look more into these student experiences when looking to assess and improve what has already been accomplished. It can be argued that these experiences are the true test of the reality of the University's culture surrounding inclusion. When asked about his expectation, Pyon emphasized he never had any about the United States: "I always thought the way most people live is all the same. There might be cultural differences between Korea and the U.S., but at the core of people's lives, they are the same. Doesn't matter wherever you are on the Earth, the way we live our life is going to have similarities. We eat, sleep, socialize, and struggle."

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Men's basketball 2022 season comes to a close

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On Thursday, March 10, the Bison men's basketball team faced top-seeded Colgate in the Patriot League Tournament quarterfinals. This tough loss came right after a thrilling overtime game against Lafayette that secured their spot in the tournament. The Bison ultimately fell to the Raiders 96-68 in the quarterfinal game, an abrupt end to their 2022 season.

Despite the loss, Xander Rice '23 and Andrew Funk '22 put forth particularly strong efforts throughout the game. Rice recorded 17 points and six assists, and Funk added 13 points and seven assists of his own. Alex Timmerman '23 and Jake van der Heijden '23 added points on the day as well.

However, the Raiders were stronger offensively, shooting 61.3 percent in the first half. The Orange and Blue finished 12 for 26, and were unable to keep up with the Raiders' offensive showing. Colgate is set to face fourth-seeded Lehigh in their semi-final matchup.

Head coach Nathan Davis

spoke on the Orange and Blue's performance, and credited Colgate for their strong performance. Davis explained that the Raiders veteran coaching and players were outstanding and are in a good position heading into the rest of the tournament. Even though the Bison's record was not what they were hoping for, Davis said the team certainly improved over the course of the season which they will look to further build on in the offseason.

The game also marked an end to Funk's outstanding career with 1,230 points — putting him 21st on the Bison's all-time scoring list. Even with a limited junior year amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Funk was able to achieve several remarkable milestones. He has also recorded 190 three-pointers over the course of his career, tying him for seventh-most in the history of Bison basketball. Funk tallied 564 points this season alone, the eighth most in history for the Orange and Blue.

Women's Basketball Falls in Patriot League Finals, advances to NIT



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The Bison women's basketball team had several exciting matchups this past week versus Colgate on Wednesday March 2, Lehigh on Monday March 7 and Navy on Thursday March 10 in critical playoff matches. The Bison gained the edge over all three of their opponents, ending the Patriot League regular season with a 12-6 record, while strengthening their overall record to 22-8 and advancing to the Patriot League semi-final, and eventually final, games.

The first match was an impressive 91-59 victory over the Colgate Raiders in Sojka Pavilion. The Bison dominated from tipoff, outscoring the

Raiders 22-16 in the first quarter and leading by 17 points at the half. The Orange and Blue continued to compete, never conceding their lead. The Bison scored 51 points in the second half alone, comfortably securing the victory. All ten Bison who played in the game scored, along with five scoring double figures. This included: Julie Kulesza '24 (16), Isabella King '25 (15), Cecelia Collins '25 (14), Taylor O'Brien '22 (14), and Remi Sisselman '25 (10). The 91 points scored by the Orange and Blue is the most since November of 2018.

The Bison carried this momentum into the Patriot League quarterfinals matchup against the Mountain Hawks,

which proved to be quite the battle. While the Bison were first to get on the board, this lead did not last long. They were quickly outshot by the Mountain Hawks, trailing 14-17 after the first quarter. The Bison could not seem to overcome the defensive effort from Lehigh, only putting up nine points in the second quarter. The Orange and Blue entered halftime trailing 23-31 but came out fired up after the break. The Mountain Hawks continued to put up points, but the Bison outshot them in the third quarter, 15-14. The fourth quarter of play was a critical turning point. With just a minute and a half left to play, the Bison took the lead for the first time since very early

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Upcoming Events

Softball

- Vs Holy Cross on 3/26 at 12pm
- Vs Holy Cross on 3/26 at 2pm
- Vs Holy Cross on 3/27 at 12pm

Baseball

- Vs Army on 3/26 at 12pm
- Vs Army on 3/26 at 2:30pm
- Vs Holy Cross on 3/27 at 12pm
- Vs Holy Cross on 3/27 at 2:30pm
- Vs Mount St. Marys on 3/29 at 3:30pm

Women's Lacrosse

- Vs Lafayette on 3/26 at 3pm

Men's Lacrosse

- Vs Colgate on 3/26 at 7pm

Men's Lacrosse defeats Binghamton; faces Patriot League play

Laurel McHale
Senior Writer

Men's lacrosse came out on top of a shootout on Saturday, March 5, trouncing Binghamton 17-11. The victory was the Bison's fifth straight to start the season, marking just the fourth 5-0 start in team history. Connor Davis '25 continued his wrath on Bison opponents, posting his third six goal game.

It took the Bison only 13 seconds to get on the board. Danny Striano '23 found Alston Tarry '22 for the first strike of the game. That duo would go on to have big afternoons, as Tarry logged a goal and four assists, while Striano recorded two assists, three caused turnovers and a career-high-tying eight ground balls.

Binghamton scored twice after that, logging their first and only lead of the game. This would not last long, as Davis found the back of the net twice, only 35 seconds apart to give the Bison a 3-2 lead after one period.

The Bison scored the first four of the second quarter, all coming in a span of less than three minutes, to stretch the margin all the way to five at 7-2. Nick Crovatto '22 had another strong outing at the faceoff X, going 17-26 with eight ground balls on the day.

The Bison led at the half, but Binghamton came out hot in the third quarter, scoring the first two goals of the period to pull the lead to only two. Cam Doolan '25 scored a huge momentum goal for the bison, as he darted straight to the goal from the right flank and scored with a low shot to halt Binghamton's run. Dutch Furlong '24, who recorded

five goals and two assists on the day, finished a shot off a Doolan assist to put the game away.

The Bison then went on an 8-1 to seal the deal. All three goalies saw action for the Orange and Blue. Matt Barkauskas '22 scored twice in the game, and midfielder Brenden Lundy '22 handed out three assists.

"Having immense out of conference success prior to Patriot League play has positioned our team to compete and win against conference opponents. It's been a lot of fun playing with selfless and supportive teammates who have truly brought into our system and their respective roles, which has been the catalyst in each of our five wins," Barkauskas said.

The Bison began Patriot League play next Saturday, March 12 at Boston University and faced a strong Big Ten opponent with Penn State the following Tuesday on March 15.

Speaking to the games that were upcoming at the time of the interview, Barkauskas said, "In regards to our game against BU this Saturday, it will certainly be an emotionally charged, physical battle against an incredibly talented program. Our coaches, and most importantly the entirety of the team, are confident in our ability to play within ourselves and continue our success against our first Patriot League opponent, one who we share significant history with."

Since the beginning of Patriot League play, the team has gone one for three, beating Penn State (in non-league play), but falling to Loyola and Boston University.

Bison struggle in Southern road trip

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The Bison softball team struggled in a series of games over spring break. The team went 1-10 while on a massive road trip to Florida and then Tennessee. The Orange and Blue did beat a tough Western Michigan team 1-0 to secure their lone victory of the road trip. The Bison now sit with a 3-20 record on the season.

The road trip started in Madeira Beach, Florida where the Bison played a series of five games over a three-day span. The Bison jumped out early in their first game against Sienna with Chase Knapp '23 and Zoie Smith '24 hitting RBI singles in the third inning. Sienna responded, scoring a run of their own in the third to make it 2-1. Madison Roukey '25 kept the Sienna bats at bay, not allowing another run for the next two innings. In the sixth, Sienna managed to hit a walk-off 2-run home run to win 3-2.

In the next three games against Toledo, LIU, and Purdue, the Bison bats struggled. They lost by scores of 2-5, 2-7, and 0-8 (5). There were, however, some bright spots for the Bison. Mackenzie Hilling '25 and Knapp each had three hits across the three games and Nicole Rivait '22, Smith, and Ava Aguilar '25 had an RBI each.

In the final game of the weekend, the Bison defeated Western Michigan by a score of 1-0. Kelly Toomey '22 threw a gem for the Bison. The senior ace threw seven shutout innings, only allowed five hits, and struck out six batters. While the Bison bats were held at bay for most of the game, they were able to find life in the sixth inning of the 0-0

game. Sarah Baluch '22 hit a one-out single and then was able to advance to second on an error. Then with two outs in the inning, Smith hit a single to left field that scored the go-ahead run. After another scoreless half-inning by Toomey, the Bison earned their victory.

After the games in Madeira Beach, the Bison traveled to Jacksonville for two games against North Florida. North Florida's pitching was on point, holding the Bison scoreless in both contests and winning 9-0 (5) and 4-0. Despite the rough series overall, Bella Radican '25 had two good games as she had three hits in five at-bats.

To finish the road trip, the Bison traveled north to Tennessee to play Southeastern-Louisiana University and UT-Chattanooga. In the first game, Southeastern-Louisiana University jumped out to a 5-0 lead on the backs of a three-run third inning. The Bison rallied late, scoring two runs in the fifth inning off RBI singles from Baluch and Juliette Basso '25. Then, in the sixth inning, Rivait hit a two-run home run to cut the Lions' lead to 5-4. Unfortunately, the Bison were not able to plate the tying run and fell by a score of 5-4.

The next three games for the Bison were tough as they fell to UT-Chattanooga 0-9 (5) and 0-5 and to Southeastern-Louisiana University 2-11 (5). Rivait had another two hits for the Bison while Kaiya Burton '23 threw two shutout innings in relief.

The Bison will look to bounce back and regain their winning form as they enter Patriot League play.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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in the game. The Bison's defensive effort in the final minute proved to be enough to secure the victory, with a final score of 56-53. This will be the Bison's seventh consecutive season making the Patriot League semifinals game.

O'Brien spoke on the huge win. "Our game was a complete team win on Monday and everybody, even our bench, were able to contribute to our success. The energy in the gym was ecstatic and definitely helped with confidence and chemistry on the floor. I am so impressed with how all of our players were able to step up in clutch situations, especially our freshman and our whole team were able to get stops on defense to seal the win," O'Brien said.

Due to a surprise upset by Navy over the #1 seeded Holy Cross Crusaders, the Bison hosted the Midshipmen in the semifinal match. The Bison defense was stout throughout the contest making everything difficult for Navy who had only seven points in the first and third quarters. Meanwhile, the Bison offense came out on fire led by O'Brien who finished with 21 points. Collins also had a great game for the Bison finishing with five points, eight rebounds, and eight assists. The contest was never close in the second half with the Bison leading by over 20 points

throughout.

The game was close throughout, with Taylor O'Brien '22 leading the way for the Bison with 20 points on the day. O'Brien has had a very successful senior season and earned a First Team All-Patriot League selection for her efforts. In addition, O'Brien was named Bison of the Week for the third time this year after her strong performance in the championship game.

As per usual, Marly Walls '22 was lockdown defensively for the Bison. Walls scored 10 points and added seven rebounds and three steals. Walls has been the centerpiece of the Orange and Blue's defense all season long and earned Patriot League All-Defensive Team recognition for her efforts.

Despite the loss in the Patriot League final, the Bison earned an at-large bid to the NIT tournament. Collins explained that although the team was disappointed with the result in the championship game, they were excited to head to the NIT. Collins explained "all of us were obviously disappointed with how we ended the Patriot League Championship and our loss to American, but also really excited about the opportunity to play in the NIT. I've just been really grateful to learn from these seniors and am fortunate that I get to keep playing with them.

The Bison were able to continue

their season on Friday the 18th, facing Atlantic 10 member Fordham, in the Bronx.

O'Brien tallied a career-high 35 points to lead the Bison to a 73-64 win over Fordham. The Orange and Blue were also strong defensively, holding the Rams to only 22.9 shooting percentage in the first three quarters. Walls added 11 points in addition to her usual strong defense. The game was back and forth, Isabella King '25 adding a key late three-pointer to pull the Bison ahead and build momentum, ultimately securing the win.

The Bison then faced Drexel on Monday the 21st for their Sweet 16 matchup. The Orange and Blue faced former teammate Tessa Brugler as she is taking her fifth year of eligibility with the Dragons. Collins tallied a career-high 23 points on the day, and Shaffer had a double-double. The Bison headed into the half with a deficit, however, were able to fight back through the third quarter to take the lead. However, Drexel was able to rally with eight minutes left and overcome a 17-point deficit, and secure the win.

The Bison end their season with a 24-10 overall record and a successful season, led by two accomplished seniors in Marly Walls '22 and Taylor O'Brien '22. O'Brien '22.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Zach Hartman '22

Profile

Sport

Wrestling

Hometown

Belle Vernon, Pa.

High School

Belle Vernon Area



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The now four-time NCAA qualifier wrestler, Zach Hartman '22 is off to the patiently-awaited weekend again in just a week. His seemingly never-ending lists of accomplishments include being a four-time Bison of the Week honoree within the Bucknell Athletic Department. He received this honor most recently this past week, after a successful performance at the EIWA tournament. In the 165-pound weight class, the senior went 4-1 on the weekend. He made it to the semifinals of the tournament, beating out a 26th-ranked wrestler from Drexel. In the consolation semifinals, he took down a wrestler from Bringhamton, and in the 3rd place match, he defeated opponent, #12 Julian Ramierz from Cornell.

"I was happy with how I performed at my last EIWA tournament. Although I didn't get what I wanted trophy-wise, I had learned a great deal while wrestling that I am going to capitalize on [at the NCAA tournament] in Detroit."

Hartman has quite a history at the NCAA tournament, achieving All-American honors as a result of his junior year campaign. He placed first at the EIWA tournament in 2021, and 6th overall at the NCAA tournament. He is only one of four Bison in wrestling history to take first place at the EIWA tournament, and only one of six Bison in wrestling history to earn All-American honors. He received the EIWA Coach's trophy and was named the EIWA Wrestler of the Year.

2021 was quite the year for the Belle Vernon, PA native.

The three-time team captain is excited to compete once again at the NCAA tournament, and has high expectations for his last hurrah as a Bucknell Athlete. He also finds passion in being a good teammate, as he has single-handedly done so much for the program and his fellow-wrestlers. "All of the training is done, now it's time to perform. It's time to put the team on my back and bring back some hardware for the Bison nation."

Career Stats

21 games played
4-time NCAA
qualifier
2-time NCAA
All-American
2020 NWCA
Honorable Mention
All-American
96-26 record
28 victories by fall
(7th best in Bison
history)
6th place at
2021 NCAA
Championships

Tough Break for Bison Baseball

Cat Jamison

Staff Writer

While most of campus was away on Spring break the University Baseball team stayed behind in preparation for their upcoming league play. They began the week with their home opener against Niagara.

Niagara led the Bison early with a home run on the second pitch and another run soon to follow. The Orange and Blue retaliated with back-to-back singles from Tyler Dunn '25 and Logan Kellerman '22. Mason Kelly '23 moved the runners a base on a sac bunt before Kyle Lyons '23 hit a single tying the game at two.

Niagara responded in the sixth inning, securing two runs and a home run in the seventh putting 5-2 on the scoreboard. Anthony Sherwin '24 combated their runs with a double resulting in a score on a sac fly from Grant Voytovich '24. Jacob Corson '24 and Brendan Lowery '22 then reached base on a single and a walk, setting up Dunn's hit to right field tying the game at 5-5.

However Niagara found their winning runs on in the ninth resulting in an 8-5 loss for the Orange and Blue. Lyons, Dunn and Corson had various hits as the Bison had 11 overall. The second game of Friday's doubleheader was called off due to darkness at the top of the fifth, thus not counting officially.

On Tuesday, March 15, the Bison took on the Panthers in the home opener for Pitt. The Bison fell behind

early as Pitt took over the game with eight runs in the opening frame, adding two runs in the second, one in the third and six in the fourth.

The Bison had some runs in the second and third innings with Dunn scoring, Chris Cannizzaro '22 and Corson singling home Sherwin.

Pitt scored six more times in the sixth inning pulling away from the Bison. In the fourth Lyons had an RBI double scoring Kellerman and Voytovich and Matt Alexander '25 each had an RBI in the ninth inning. The Bison's last run came in the ninth inning as an RBI double from Henry Novicki '23 scored Nic Adamo '24.

The Orange and Blue used five pitchers with Renn Lints '22 pitching a career-best three innings. First-years Brady Karp '25 and Derrick Yuengling '25 made their debut.

On Wednesday, March 17, the Bison were back on the mound and battled Mount St. Mary's until the tenth inning when they had a walk-off home run, resulting in a loss for the Orange and Blue.

"It was back and forth pretty much the whole game. It was a tough one, but good preparation for league play that starts this weekend," Lyons said.

The Orange and Blue began with a lead as Lyons launched two RBI doubles that scored Kelly and Novicki leaving the Orange and Blue with a 2-0 lead in the two of the second.

Brady Swenson '25 made his

first career start for the Bison, not allowing a hit through the first two innings and two strikeouts to match. However, Mount St. Mary's reciprocated with two runs to tie the game at 2-2.

Mount St. Mary's took the lead in the fifth while the Orange and Blue only managed one hit through the final four innings with a single from Lyons, but still managed to find the tying run in the top of the ninth sending the game to extras. Mount St. Mary's secured the win with a home run to center field resulting in a Bison 4-3 loss.

"After the week we were disappointed with the outcome but there were some positives to take away going into conference play. We love the group of guys we have and couldn't be more confident that this is the group to win a championship. This upcoming weekend will be our first chance to prove that," Kelly said.

Despite these non-conference losses, they had a huge weekend against Navy in their Patriot League home opener. Navy was projected to come in second in the Patriot League preseason poll, however, the Bison won three out of four games in the series. Sherwin and Cannizzaro led the team with over .600 hitting averages on the weekend. The Orange and Blue will continue Patriot League play this coming weekend against Holy Cross and Army.

Mixed results for Bison Tennis

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The Bison paid visits to a couple of tennis powerhouses over the weekend, with the men traveling to Dartmouth on Saturday and the women to Penn State on Sunday.

Tim Zelikovsky '24 was the lone winner on the men's side at No. 4 singles. The 6-3, 6-4 victory improves his win streak to six and tallies his 13th win overall. Despite long, back and forth matches on courts 1 and 3, Harrison Gold '24 and Michael Owen '23 were ultimately defeated, as was the rest of the team.

The women's team started strong on Saturday, with a convincing 6-1 win over St. Bonaventure. Laurel Utterback '24 and Whitney King '25 set the pace, posting dominant 6-0, 6-1 and 6-1, 6-2 victories at No. 4 and No. 2 singles, respectively. Senior captain Daniella Bellini '22 showed continuous resilience once again, as she fought back from a 2-6 first set loss to win the match in a tiebreaker. Anna Lajos '25 and Kate Novak '24 rounded out the win for the Bison.

After improving to 8-2 overall, the Nittany Lions proved to be a little too much to handle on Sunday. The Bison fell 6-1, with Lajos posting the only win at No. 5 singles.

As non-conference play rapidly comes to a close, the Men's team is off to Florida and the Women's team is

Hawaii-bound. Spring break, which features three matches for both sides, will serve as a final tune up before Patriot League plays begins.

"League matches bring even more excitement and intensity," said Utterback. "I'm really looking forward to hosting Lehigh and Colgate back-to-back (April 2-3). Rivalry matches are a completely different environment and we are all really excited to compete at home with a crowd."

During spring break, the Bison women traveled to Hawaii to compete against Chaminade and Hawaii. The Bison first played Chaminade on Mar. 14 and emerged victorious 4-0. This was the Bison's third shutout of the season. Utterback, Novak, and Caroline Marcus '25 were dominating in their singles matches with none of them dropping a single set. Bellini, Tyne Miller '24, and Sebelsky were also on their way to victories in their matches, but the matches were left unfinished because the Bison had already clinched the three singles points. The Bison also secured both doubles points via victories from Marcus/Sebelsky and Miller/Novak. This was Marcus' first collegiate match along with her first collegiate victories in both singles and doubles.

The next two matches against Hawaii did not fare

as well for the Bison. Hawaii won both matches 7-0. The Bison did compete hard with several individuals competing in higher positions than they usually would along with having some different doubles pairings.

Meanwhile, the men's team played several matches against multiple different teams over the break in Florida. The Bison went 1-5 in these matches with a close victory over Atlantis on Mar. 13. Additionally, the Bison were without several key players due to injuries during these matches. The Orange and Blue had to battle for the win, eventually emerging victorious by a score of 4-3.

Gold and Charlie Nordahl '24 won on doubles court one by a score of 6-3. Meanwhile, Owen and Nicolas Grunig '25 won 7-6 (7-2) on doubles court two. In singles, Owen won 6-3, 6-4 on court two while Grunig won 3-6, 7-6 (7-2) on court three. Nordahl finished it up for the Bison with a 6-7 (3-7), 6-2, 10-8 thriller on court 5.

The Bison women will be back in action this weekend as they take on George Mason on Mar. 26 at 2pm before traveling to Maryland for their Patriot League opening match against Navy. This match will take place on Mar. 27 at 10am. Meanwhile, the men's team will take on Howard on Mar. 27 at 2pm.

Bison Women's Lacrosse has successful weekend

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The Bison women's lacrosse team had two close matches in the past few days. On Saturday, the women went up against St. Bonaventure and triumphed with a final score of 10-8. The Bison women went up quickly in the first half, leading 7-1 at half-time. Rookie Allie Boyce '25 had another impressive performance, scoring her second hat trick in a row all in that first half.

Defender Ella Payer '23 scored her first goal of the season in the third quarter after getting forward in transition. Her goal was assisted by Caroline Miller '23. Another senior, Emma Cashwell, also scored to increase the Bison's lead to 10-3 at the end of the third quarter.

The competition ramped up in that final quarter, as the Bonnies came back with an impressive five goals in a row. However, the

Bison women were able to keep their opponents at bay through the final whistle and ended the game with a 10-8 win. Goalie Caitlin Tucker '22 had an impressive 12 saves and only allowed three goals in those first three quarters. She finished the game with a season-high 14 saves. This victory was the third straight win for the Bison women, who faced off against Campbell two days later.

The Bison's three-game win streak unfortunately came to an end on Monday afternoon as the team went up against Campbell at the USA Lacrosse Headquarters in Maryland. The women fell 16-11 to the Fighting Camels after a hard-fought battle in windy conditions. Cashwell and Laurel McHale '22 each had a hat trick, and McHale recorded two assists as well.

After the first quarter, the game

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How Russia's Invasion of Ukraine is Affecting Soccer

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The U.K.'s response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and sanctions placed on Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich has resulted in restrictions and controversy surrounding Chelsea F.C., the top English Premier League club that the oligarch owns.

Abramovich, 55, gained an immense fortune in the oil business and has been the owner of the London-based soccer club since 2003, when

he reportedly purchased it for a whopping U.S. \$197 million. He has since invested heavily into the club, making them one of the most successful teams in England during his reign. Since Abramovich bought the club, it has won 18 trophies – more than any other English club during that time period.

However, Abramovich's close ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin and accusations by Western governments of profiting from these close relationships have led to him, as well as several other Russian oligarchs, being subject to

sanctions by the U.K. and the EU. Abramovich, as well as seven other Russian oligarchs, have been subjected to travel restrictions and frozen assets in their jurisdiction.

This all comes at the same time as Abramovich was looking to sell Chelsea F.C., his most prized asset, as he announced on March 2, not long after Russia first invaded Ukraine. Several offers had been made before the sanctions were implemented, but were rejected, not matching up to Abramovich's approximately \$4 billion (U.S.D.) price tag.

The sanctions have brought many uncertainties to the sale and the way the club is run.

The sanctions mean that the club cannot sell any match tickets or merchandise, the only supporters allowed to games will be season ticket holders and the club will not be able to buy nor sell players. The club has also been restricted to a budget of just £20,000 for away games, which includes travel, accommodation, and the like. They are also limited to £500,000 for staging home games, which include things like security and catering. In

fact, it is only by special government license that the club is able to play at all.

The sale of the club is in doubt, with the government of the U.K. likely to take control of the profits from the sale and how it is distributed, if allowed to happen at all. With the future of one of the largest soccer clubs in the world being uncertain, the effects of the Russian invasions are felt all over the world and in so many different ways as governments around the world look to counter the effects of large-scale conflict.

The Bison Wrestling Team had a competitive weekend on the mat

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The Orange and Blue wrestling team traveled to Ithaca, New York this weekend to compete in the EIWA Championships.

Five Bison made their debut in the EIWA Championships: Nick Delp '24, Kolby DePron '25, Logan Deacetis '25, Sam Barnes '23 and Luke Niemeyer '23.

Zach Hartman '22, competing in the 165-pound weight class, excelled for the Bison again by clinching a spot in the NCAA Championships. He has successfully received one of the seven automatic bids in the conference.

Hartman, who was previously the EIWA Champion at 165 pounds, alongside Darren Miller '23 both went 2-0 on their first day competing, advancing to the semifinals the following day.

Hartman had a fantastic start to his weekend, pinning his first opponent in only 28 seconds. He then defeated his second match of the day 9-5, eliminating his opponent from making the semifinals.

Hartman ended up falling short, taking third in the EIWA Championships. He has a chance for redemption in the NCAA Tournament.

Miller also had a great day, winning 5-2 over his first opponent from Cornell, then going on to beat his second opponent from Lehigh 4-2. Miller's next match is against the top seed the following day. Miller ended his weekend coming in fifth, still representing the Bison on the podium.

Brandon Seidman '22 and Delp both had a successful first day on the mat, guaranteeing themselves a spot on the podium the

next day.

Seidman had a very strong victory in his first match of the day against his opponent, winning 11-4. He lost his second match of the day 3-1. Seidman claimed victory at the very end of the second consolation round of eight matches, winning 2-1 on an escape in the second tiebreaker. Seidman placed seventh in his weight class, bringing a trophy back to Lewisburg.

Delp had a fantastic debut in his first EIWA Championships appearance. He won his first match of the weekend 3-1. He then suffered a loss of 9-5. Delp beat his opponent 7-0 in the Consolation Round of eight then losing in the Consolation Round of four to his opponent 9-8. He ultimately won the Seventh-Place Match over his opponent 3-1.

Hartman spoke about the weekend. "Overall, I was pleased with how I had performed at EIWA's. 3rd is not what I wanted, but it showed my weak points and what I need to do to beat these guys at nationals in 2 weeks. I am ready, I am prepared, and I am ready to bring war. With the bison nation on my back, I will bring back what we deserve," Hartman said.

Hartman went on to compete at the NCAA Championships in the 165 pound weight class. Hartman defeated NC State's Thomas Bullard in the first round, but unfortunately lost to Stanford's 2021 national champion, Shane Griffith, in the second round. Hartman will graduate as a 2-time All-American, and leaves with an overall record of 45-6 as a Bison.

Women's Water Polo experiences tough weekend

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The Bison women's water polo team, ranked No. 25, dropped two CWPA games at the opening of the Michigan Invite on Saturday. The Red Flash of Saint Francis defeated the Bison in an 11-8 decision. Later that day, the seventh-ranked Michigan Wolverines ended the match with a score of 14-4. "We were struggling collectively as a team and despite our losses we managed to play hard and be there for each other in and out of the water" Olivia Dey '24 said.

Game One: Saint Francis (Pa.) 11, Bison 8

The first game against the Red Flash was a battle. The Bison outshot the Red Flash 31-19; however, the Red Flash outscored the Bison 3-1. Paige Furano '22 scored the opening goal at the 7:28 mark. Her goal was quickly followed by two goals from the Red Flash to take the lead. With 36 seconds left in the first quarter, senior Larissa Hodzic '22 tied the game.

In the second quarter, Boati Motau '25 scored the opening goal. The lead was short-lived as the Red Flash scored three goals to bring the score to 5-3 heading into the halftime break. Isabelle Monaghan '24 scored a five-meter attempt to tie the game. The Bison scored an additional goal at the start of the fourth quarter while the Red Flash scored three. Hodzic secured a goal to bring the game to a one-point deficit. Yet the Red Flash found two more goals to win the game 11-8.

Hodzic secured a hat trick for a new career-high in goals. Annika Lampen '25 made a total of three saves.

Game Two: Michigan 14, Bison 4

Monaghan, Bella Moynihan '23 and Furano each contributed a goal in the first half of the match. Despite their efforts, the Wolverines dominated the first two quarters scoring a total of 10 goals. In the second half, the Wolverines matched the Bison's one goal with four. The Bison outshot the Wolverines 29-28 but went 0-6 on power play opportunities. Lampen made four saves throughout the game.

Game Three: Iona 9, Bison 8

The Bison experienced a tough match against the Gaels. At the 1:05 mark, the Gaels scored the game-winning goal to beat the Bison 9-8.

The Bison had a slow start against the Gaels, not finding the back of the cage until the end of the second quarter to tie up the match. Furano gave the Bison a spark by tying the game and igniting an offensive boost leading Chloe Smith '23 to a goal at the 2:32 mark of the second securing a 3-2 match.

The third quarter was challenging for the Bison. The Gaels outscored 5-2 and finished with a 7-5 lead. The Orange and Blue wouldn't back down and opened the fourth period with back-to-back goals from Megan LaCroix '23. The game was tied with 5:56 minutes to play.

The Orange and Blue took control of the game with a goal by Furano as she scored with 4:15 remaining to put the Bison ahead 8-7. The Gaels answered by scoring the tying goal just 30 seconds later and then took the lead with a goal by Laura Rockett. There was only 1:05 remaining and no timeouts left. Both Monaghan and LaCroix were working towards the goal for a tie, but the Bison couldn't connect, leaving with a loss by one to Iona.

Furano netted four times in the defeat and LaCroix added two goals.

Annika Lampen made eight saves in the cage.

Game Four: Salem 17, Bison 9

The streak ended Sunday when the Orange and Blue lost to Salem for the first time since 2000. A 4-0 second quarter by the Tigers gave them the momentum they needed. The Orange and Blue was able to secure five goals in the third, but Salem used the second half to push ahead taking the 17-9 win during the final game of the weekend.

The game started strong with the Orange and Blue leading within the first eight minutes with goals from LaCroix and Smith for a 3-2. The Bison worked but couldn't find the back of the cage for the next eight minutes. At the 6:24 mark of the third quarter, the Bison were back on the board with a goal from Furano. Salem hit their stride and sent five unanswered goals during this time to take control at 7-4.

Furano rallied with a goal, pulling the Bison to within two, 9-7, with 3:04 left in the third quarter. Salem continued scoring the next three goals out of four to take the lead at 12-8. There were eight minutes left but the Tigers stayed the course ending the game with a 17-9 win.

LaCroix secured three goals in the game. Furano scored four goals for the second straight game, Lampen and Sam Gove '23 divided their time in goal.

Over spring break, the Bison competed at the Aztec Invite and competed in a few non-conference games in California. The women went 2-3 on the week against strong West Coast programs. The Orange and Blue will face Mount St. Mary's and Michigan in CWPA games this weekend in Princeton, N.J.

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was tied up at 2-2. By the end of the second quarter, however, the Fighting Camels had taken the lead by scoring another five goals. Nevertheless, the Bison fought back and scored three goals. Notably, Phoebe Macleod '24 fed a nice pass through to Katie Wendell '22 and Wendell finished with just 12 seconds left in the half to bring the score to 7-5.

Campbell took a quick lead in the second half, putting up two more goals before Cashwell capitalized off a pass from Tatum Kohlbrener '24. It seemed as though Cashwell scored again just a few minutes later after beating the goalie, but the goal was not given. Immediately after, the Bison faced a non-releasable

yellow card on the clear, giving Campbell a one-man advantage. Campbell went on to score twice more to go up 11-6. The Bison and the Camels continued battling and the third quarter ended, 14-9 in Campbell's favor.

In the fourth quarter, Miller and McHale both scored in an effort to close in on Campbell's lead, but their opponent retaliated with a quick goal just 31 seconds after McHale scored. With the score at 16-11, the game ended and so did the Bison's win streak.

Boyce earned Patriot League rookie of the week for her strong performances. Boyce spoke on the last few games. She said: "It's been a really exciting start to the season! Our team is having a

lot of fun and we are improving every day. From the seniors to the freshmen, everyone is contributing and we are building lots of team chemistry. We have faced a few challenges so far but it's only making us better. Two games left until Patriot League play so we are looking for some big wins to build momentum as we face Navy!"

The team also had three games over spring break facing UMBC, Binghamton and #17 ranked Navy in the Patriot League opener. Unfortunately, the Bison lost all three of these matches to these tough foes. Against UMBC, the Bison stayed close until the Retrievers scored 12 unanswered goals to end the game 20-5. McHale (2), Kohlbrener (1),

Boyce (1), Cashwell (1) scored the goals for the Bison.

A slow start against Binghamton put the Bison in a touch hole as the Bearcats went on a 8-0 run in the first half to lead 12-4 at halftime and ultimately won 20-10. Kohlbrener continued scoring as she had two goals and two assists for the Bison. Cashwell also contributed two goals for the Bison as well as an assist and six faceoff wins. Emily Baird '24, Boyce, McHale, Taylor Kopan '24, and Miller all scored a goal for the Bison in the contest.

In their first game of the Patriot League season, the Bison faced a tough task going up against the nationally ranked Navy Midshipmen. Another

slow start put the Bison at a major disadvantage as Navy scored the first seven goals of the match and held the Bison scoreless in the first quarter. In the end, the Midshipmen's defense was too strong for the Bison to mount a comeback as the game ended 15-3 in favor of Navy. McHale, Boyce, and Carly Cenci '25 scored the three goals for the Bison with Cenci scoring her first collegiate goal.

The Bison will look to get back on track and earn their first Patriot League victory of the season as they host Lafayette on March 26 at 3pm. Lafayette is 1-6 on the season and in the midst of a four game losing streak.

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COVID destroyed our students' education — but can it also save it?

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Despite the predictability of the COVID-19 pandemic's impending impact in 2019, the "sudden" need to have walls or a comfortable six feet between us forced a shift in American education that broke a seemingly endless record of stagnancy. Online education, a method of teaching and learning widely considered inferior to in-person instruction, was suddenly the norm; teachers were forced to scramble together a fractured version of their trusted curriculum that could be taught through a screen. In constructing this, they often scrapped carefully-planned activities long anticipated by teacher and student alike.

Even before COVID, other developed countries like Canada and China recognized a fatal issue in their education systems — they weren't actually geared towards preparing the youth for successful adulthood. Huge reform efforts followed, revolutionizing

curriculum and teaching methods. Canada's government formed ministry divisions dedicated entirely to developing strategies for students' success, and approached education in a way the U.S. never has: with a willingness to experiment and try out new ideas.

In comparison to the response of our neighbor to the north, our efforts to properly educate our children pales in every respect. Canada's quick response at the pandemic's onset, and their preemptive efforts to switch to virtual learning, set the foundation necessary to counteract the pandemic's effects. While their response to COVID-19 began far before that of the United States, and consequently was much more effective than ours, it is still necessary to consider why Canada's education system was able to adapt to COVID-19 in a way the United States was not.

The answer lies in the fact that the American education system

relies heavily on a "one-size-fits-all" approach. This approach emphasizes that any student could transform their behavior and skills to be successful under one system, mostly independently from any individual aid. This cookie-cutter view of education has long been a huge disadvantage to a majority of students who simply don't fit the definition of a "good student" — or those who simply haven't had their motivations to learn reinforced. That standard has been maintained for those who excel in areas deemed valuable in the real world, but deemed worthless in their education.

The "one-size-fits-all" approach to education is a symptom of the U.S. education system's adamant resistance to change, which is the very source of the current system's failures and inadequacies. This inability to adapt leaves us with a curriculum geared towards a world that no longer exists. It leaves us scrambling to adapt when we are faced with a change that isn't optional.

The impacts COVID-19 have had on education in the past three years should serve as a window into the U.S. education system's possibilities. Yet many understand COVID-19 as a force pushing education into a worse place, with an urgency to see school return to the way it once was.

In the midst of this change in what education can look like and the need to address the weakness of our ability to educate our students in any circumstances — this is the time to push forward with real reform to our education system.

My sugarboo, I'm not plagiarizing

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We tend to think of music pretty subjectively as a society; each one of us picking our own favorite genres and artists while still being open to explore and hear about other people's tastes in music. But when it comes to listening to music, it's clear that a good amount of popular songs nowadays can sound similar to each other. Sometimes the melodies have the same notes, or the chord progressions are identical, but chances are you can find at least some similarities between many songs nowadays. Keeping this in mind, is it really possible to own music? Recently in news headlines, there have been discussions about how Dua Lipa's song "Levitating" has a striking resemblance to the reggae band Artikal Sound System's 2017 song "Live Your Life." If you haven't heard it, go listen for yourself. Even to the untrained ear, there's no denying that these songs clearly have a striking resemblance to each other, especially leading up to the choruses. So what does this mean? Did Dua Lipa directly and purposefully steal from Artikal Sound System, and do they have a right to sue her for the profits "Levitating" made? I don't believe so, and it has to do with how popular music is made.

A little bit of basic musical knowledge for those unaware: in Western musical culture, there are only 12 notes. Now, musicians and composers are absolutely able to make a lot of different and unique kinds of harmonies, but only so many of them are gonna sound good when you put them together. Because of that, there are only so many chord progressions that Western musicians will use, simply because the average ear is more comfortable with hearing more common chord progressions. The same goes for melodies as well. Singing a bunch of notes that don't go together isn't going to make a good melody, there are guidelines

to work within in order to fit what most people would enjoy. Keeping all of this in mind helps to put Dua Lipa's situation into context. "Live Your Life" and "Levitating" do feature the same descending sounding melody at the beginning of the song's verses, along with the same chords underneath that melody. However, musical coincidence does exist, and I doubt that Dua Lipa took inspiration from a reggae band that wasn't widely known until this lawsuit came to be.

If you wanted to, you can cherry-pick any two songs and find identical melodies, harmonies, tones, etc. Admittedly, while Dua Lipa's situation does certainly sound incriminating, I don't believe it actually is. Music is an artistic expression, and Dua Lipa's song certainly has original components to it outside of the similarities to Artikal Sound System's song. I don't believe they have a right to have ownership over chord progressions and melodies that have been used many times before they even made "Live Your Life." This kind of story comes up every couple of years or so; not too long ago Ed Sheeran had his own copyright dilemma for his song "Shape of You." In my opinion, unless a song is just an exact carbon copy of another song or something close to that, chances are it isn't ground for a lawsuit. I'm a musician and have been for well over a decade at this point. The way I see it, music is best created and experienced through collaboration and inspiration from other genres and artists. Others may disagree, but as long as you're respectful and considerate to other musicians and artists who inspire you to create and write music, then there's no harm done. So I'll continue to appreciate "Levitating" and "Live Your Life" as their own unique songs that happen to have some commonalities; I'm sure Dua Lipa wouldn't mind.

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Ketanji Brown Jackson: A Perfect SCOTUS Case Study

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On the week of March 21, 2022, newly-minted SCOTUS nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson has entered the process of Senate confirmation, beginning with a hearing by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Questions about her legitimacy have been raised constantly by the GOP as well as conservative media outlets, in an effort to delegitimize her nomination through claims of bias and affirmative action. Throughout the first two days of her confirmation hearing, Judge Jackson has been subjected to seemingly relentless scrutiny by the GOP and the conservative media, spanning everything from her religious background and activity to her opinions on Critical Race Theory (CRT) and its presence in curriculum at Georgetown Day School, where Jackson is a member of the board of trustees.

Judge Brown Jackson has done a great job thus far of navigating even the most incriminating of questions and concerns posed to her, and has reaffirmed her obvious legitimacy for her nomination to the court. A particularly interesting set of questions Jackson was asked to answer and comment on were related to her past rulings in cases of child pornography. Her rulings were criticized as lenient, and her thoughts on how egregious the crime is were brought into question. This was a completely legitimate set of questions for Jackson, drawing directly from her rulings and asked her about her approach related to the criminal sentences in these cases. These questions can generally be referred to as "good", or perhaps more professionally, admissible questions when it comes to determining whether a justice is fit to serve on the SCOTUS.

The conflict in the confirmation process for Judge Jackson occurs when the questions begin to devolve. As opposed to the sensible questions and concerns posed to Judge Jackson about things such as her past rulings,

her constitutional stances and confidence in her ability to execute on the Supreme Court, senators such as Ted Cruz, Lindsey Graham and Marsha Blackburn have begun to ask questions completely outside of the realm of judiciary qualifications.

Blackburn and Cruz, particularly, have engaged in what is now a days-long attempt at pinning Jackson to the "dangerous" progressive narrative held so closely by conservative lawmakers on the basis of few things other than the fact that she is a Black woman. Cruz was the first to make the attempt, as he brought a copy of Ibram X. Kendi's "Antiracist Baby", to question Judge Jackson's opinion on the introduction of CRT into curriculum at American schools. Judge Jackson promptly dismissed this question and its lack of relevance to her confirmation for the court, citing that it is not her responsibility to institute political policy and agenda, but to determine whether it is legal and constitutional. Senator Blackburn followed in Cruz's footsteps, calling Judge Jackson's presence on a board of trustees for a school that promotes progressive education, including the concept of "so-called white privilege" per Blackburn's words, as, "deeply concerning". In somehow even less relevant questioning, Blackburn doubled down, continuing on to ask Judge Jackson if she could define what a woman is for the court. Jackson once again dismissed the question.

Senator Lindsey Graham attempted to get "retribution" for the most recently confirmed SCOTUS justice, Amy Coney Barrett, by confronting Judge Jackson with a tirade of questions all pertaining to her religious affiliation and involvement. Graham's comments need no summary, but they do point to an important trend in SCOTUS confirmations. Trying to contest nominees who appear to be political opposition is a fixture of

the confirmation process on both the left and the right, but often-times these criticisms and questions are shallow and irrelevant.

Now, this is in no way to say that confirmation hearings do not have their merits. It is absolutely necessary for a SCOTUS nominee to explain and defend their judicial abilities, tendencies and processes. However it is equally important that the questions and concerns raised by the Senate Judiciary Committee pertain strictly to said qualities. Trying to impose political leanings and views onto nominees based on thin evidence irrelevant to their judiciary history is unnecessary, and effectively a targeting tactic used by both sides of the political aisle to try to influence judges to take a political stance.

With this being said, politics and the SCOTUS are only as separate as the nominee makes them. Perhaps in most recent memory, Justice Barrett was particularly outspoken about how her religious affiliations and convictions were inherently connected to her constitutional interpretations. In these scenarios, it is objectively admissible to question a Judge's personal qualities and beliefs, because they have openly tied them to their judicial abilities. If Judge Jackson was outspoken about how her judicial rulings were inherently tied to or influenced by her connection to any social, political or religious organization, it should be expected that she receives the same treatment.

The reality, however, is that she has not been outspoken about any external influences to her judiciary abilities or decisions. Judge Jackson has worked her way through the legal education and judicial system more extensively than any other SCOTUS justice currently sitting on the bench, and her character and personal qualities have only come into light as an attempt to paint her as a political pawn. Who is to blame for this? Many people as well as systems;



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the diverse nature of the two-party political system, the visible favoritism in the selection of SCOTUS nominees in the past and quite frankly, Joe Biden himself. Biden was very outspoken about how he planned to nominate Black women only for this position on the bench, and while Judge Jackson's status as a Black woman is certainly a necessary and long-overdue addition to the bench, that did not have to be a highlight of her nomination.

When confirmed, Judge Jackson will have been educated in and worked in the greatest number of judicial positions of any justice currently sitting on the Supreme Court. This alone is enough to earn Judge Jackson her nomination, regardless of her race, sex, age or any other superficial qualification. By nature of being a Black woman, Judge Jackson was already going to face criticism and questions as to her qualification for her nomination, but by highlighting race and gender as key elements of her nomination, President Biden has only made

those voices louder. His vocal narrowing of the selection pool served no purpose to help Judge Jackson besides making himself look like the progressive Democrat the party has truly wanted, and it has in no way made Judge Jackson's path to confirmation any easier. Judge Jackson deserves the absolute respect of the American people not only for her race or gender, but for her outstanding qualifications, and promise to be a champion of putting the United States in the position to progress as a nation. This confirmation hearing has served as the perfect case study for how the process for determining those who will serve our nation's highest court is flawed, and how our nation's leaders cannot help themselves but point to the primal debate of left versus right. The flaws are obvious in the process to all those watching and listening, major media has already begun to develop its own arguments, the system is in need of fixing, and there is no better time to do it than right now.

Capitalizing on Positive Momentum

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On Tuesday, March 1, President Joe Biden delivered his first State of the Union address in front of a joint session of Congress. Biden went into the speech as a widely unpopular president; in fact, he had the second-lowest approval rating of a first-year president since measurement began in the mid-20th century (with the exception of Donald Trump). Despite this, Biden's speech fared pretty well with the American public. In the wake of domestic economic turbulence and crisis in Ukraine, Biden touched on the issues that matter to voters the most. He also called for unity and bipartisanship, terms that are refreshing to voters after a half-decade of heated political tumult.

Biden touched on the major challenges the United States is currently facing as we appear to reach the end of the COVID-19

pandemic, including inflation, unemployment, poor mental health and issues related to the disrupted schooling of children. Referencing his childhood, President Biden lamented "I remember when my Dad had to leave our home in Scranton, Pennsylvania to find work. I grew up in a family where if the price of food went up, you felt it." This personal experience, Biden claimed, incentivizes him to continue to reach across party lines and work with lawmakers to pass legislation designed to help the average American family. He also used this moment as an opportunity to critique the policies of the previous administration, saying that his policies have helped the middle class during this time, "unlike the two trillion dollar tax cut passed by the previous administration that benefitted

the top 1 percent of Americans".

The president spent the majority of his speech discussing issues that he knew would fare well with Americans regardless of their political affiliation. His tone shift regarding the COVID-19 pandemic was particularly striking, as he discussed widespread elimination of restrictions like masking and social distancing. He also briefly discussed raising taxes on wealthy Americans and corporations.

Lastly, he called for retaliation against the Russian government's invasion of Ukraine. This directly contrasted the previous administration's approach, which promoted political tribalism. These policy prescriptions are widely popular among the middle class. Although Biden was pretty vague about the steps to set these plans in motion, simply mentioning

these issues helped to unify the American public.

Biden reminded his audience that "tonight, we meet as Democrats, Republicans and Independents. But most importantly as Americans." By refusing to alienate either party, Biden was able to effectively communicate with a country that is desperate for normalcy.

Overall, Biden's first State of the Union was a success. According to a Gallup poll, 67 percent of listeners who tuned into Biden's speech said his words made them feel optimistic about the state of affairs. But, one speech is not enough to pull Biden's ratings up forever. Biden will need to capitalize on this positive momentum if the Democrats want to have favorable outcomes in the upcoming midterms and if Biden wants to pursue a second term.

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Come Hell and High Water

The History of Hufnagle

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Let me begin by telling you a story. It is not cheerful, nor will it leave you with a sense of optimism, but you should hear it nonetheless. Maybe when it's done, you will better understand the year-long construction around Lewisburg's Hufnagle Park and why it's important work. Find a comfortable spot to read, as our story is about to begin.

As predicted by forecasters, heavy rain on June 22, 1972 was supposed to cause flooding farther due west of Lewisburg, Pa. But as misfortune would have it, Hurricane Agnes, to become Tropical Storm Agnes, had other plans. The swift change of destination trampled a swell of unsuspecting citizens. Not just fillers in a story from the seventies, but real people: store clerks, bank tellers, mothers and fathers and their terrified children; summer vacation lifeguards, whose temporary summertime occupations left them no better prepared than the rest; and real people like you and like me, who battled raging torrents that came on them in a matter of minutes. They had no warning. No pre-flood caution or sounding alarm to instruct them to vacate basements and remove themselves from potentially collapsing homes. The waters came rushing in nonetheless, either ignorant of this fact or in vengeful disregard of it.

They had no warning.

Take a trip back in time with me and imagine to your best ability this stark, some would say horrific, scene. On the second floor of your home the tap, tap, tap chorus of steady rain on the roof is quickly accompanied by muffled shouts from the homes of your neighbors. As you squint your eyes ever so slightly to better hear the commotion (for no better reason than that we've all done this while trying to better concentrate on listening), you make out the barely audible yells from Gladys — or Larry, or Sue, or some other nearby neighbor — which alerts that notorious little voice in the center of both the mind and the gut to the current situation. As you rush to the nearest river-facing window, you try to silence that ever-growing

voice which tells you "the rain has been too much," "the rain has swollen the river" "the rain, the rain, the rain." The sheet of white which is the current rainfall blurs many things, but it does not stop you from seeing, at that moment, the very worst thing of all. As you look down, the water rises with unstoppable force and your feet hesitate while your mind decides if there is time enough to get downstairs and to safer ground. Your grandmother's handwritten recipes, family albums, and fond cracks in the walls where loose footballs or basketballs did their damage, all collide with the memories you have to leave behind — all facing a common sentence, to be ravaged by the storm.

You had no warning.

I now bring you back to the outskirts of this story so that the focus of today's article may be introduced. On that day, June 22, 1972, former Lewisburg chief of police and then-current borough safety chief Gordon Hufnagle captained a search-and-rescue

currents which scour the small town. Joe Murphy died not long after in his son's home.

The aftermath was crippling. The homes and businesses most devastated by the flooding were demolished, the land of which is now the very site of the memorial park built in Hufnagle's honor.

Dedicated to the memory of Gordon Hufnagle, Public Safety Director, who lost his life while attempting the rescue of Lewisburg citizens on June 22, 1972.

This is the engraving on Chief Hufnagle's memorial plaque. You can find this plaque at Hufnagle Park when construction concludes.

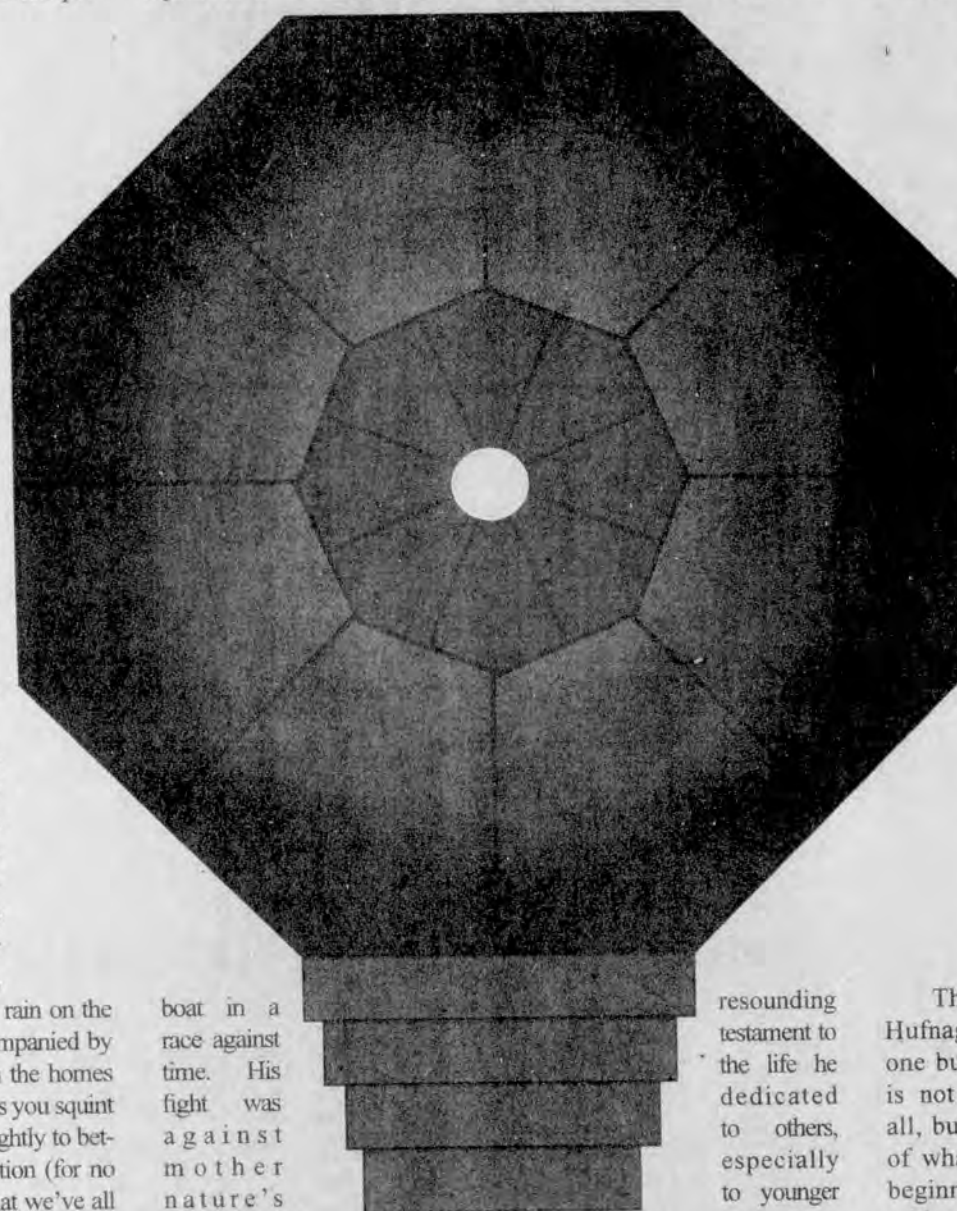
The park was christened in Hufnagle's memory and upon a deep dive search for more information, on both his life as well as his death, part of his eulogy was found. It reads, "He was especially highly regarded for his work with youth, having received several awards for his work in that area." The park is a

park's floodplains, which will be made lower and wider to accommodate a larger holding capacity in the case of future flooding events. The second component is to extend the Buffalo Valley 'Rail Trail' in Lewisburg Borough from Market Street to campus — a paved mixed-use path for both pedestrians and bicyclists will be constructed along the municipal parking lot in Hufnagle Park, St. Louis Street between the railroad tracks and South Sixth Street, and along the east side of South Sixth Street. The new mixed-use path will connect the current terminus of the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail with the campus' Borough of Lewisburg.

Finally, the park is taking out its once yellow-and-green playground set. Trading plastic for potential, the park will be refurbished with areas and equipment that will stimulate and encourage children to learn and explore the environment before them. A portion of the park will also include stream access, which is projected to be beset with large sitting or stepping stones for park visitors to enjoy and actively engage in the creek area.

How beautifully poetic this change to the park will be. With this step towards the reinvention of how the Lewisburg children will learn and play safely, Chief Hufnagle's memory will be reborn one final time. The first was with the initial construction of the park, which took the place of something dark and rotten and molested by floods and replaced it with something young and full of life. And again, with the fresh life breathed back into this aging zone, Chief Hufnagle's memory can live once more.

The story of Gordon Hufnagle is not a happy one but the ending — which is not really an ending at all, but rather the reporting of what should be a bright beginning — can leave you with a happy takeaway. To some, it's just a park; to others, it will only ever be a park. But to those few who stop and read the engraved plaque, it is far more. As you walk past it or bring your future kids to play in it you should be reminded of Chief Hufnagle, who we remember for his bravery.



boat in a race against time. His fight was against mother nature's deadliest recipe; flooding equates to too much water and not enough time. As the intro suggests, this is no happy tale. Hufnagle's boat, carrying the elderly couple Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murphy, recently evacuated from their no-longer-safe home, capsizes. Hufnagle and Mrs. Murphy are immediately enveloped in the dashing

resounding testament to the life he dedicated to others, especially to younger generations.

Now, once again, and with a budget of 1.4 million dollars, the area is under heavy construction to demolish the old and reinvent the park with a new life. Driven by three major components, the site is undergoing three labor- and (typically) time-intensive projects. The first of these components is reportedly to restore the

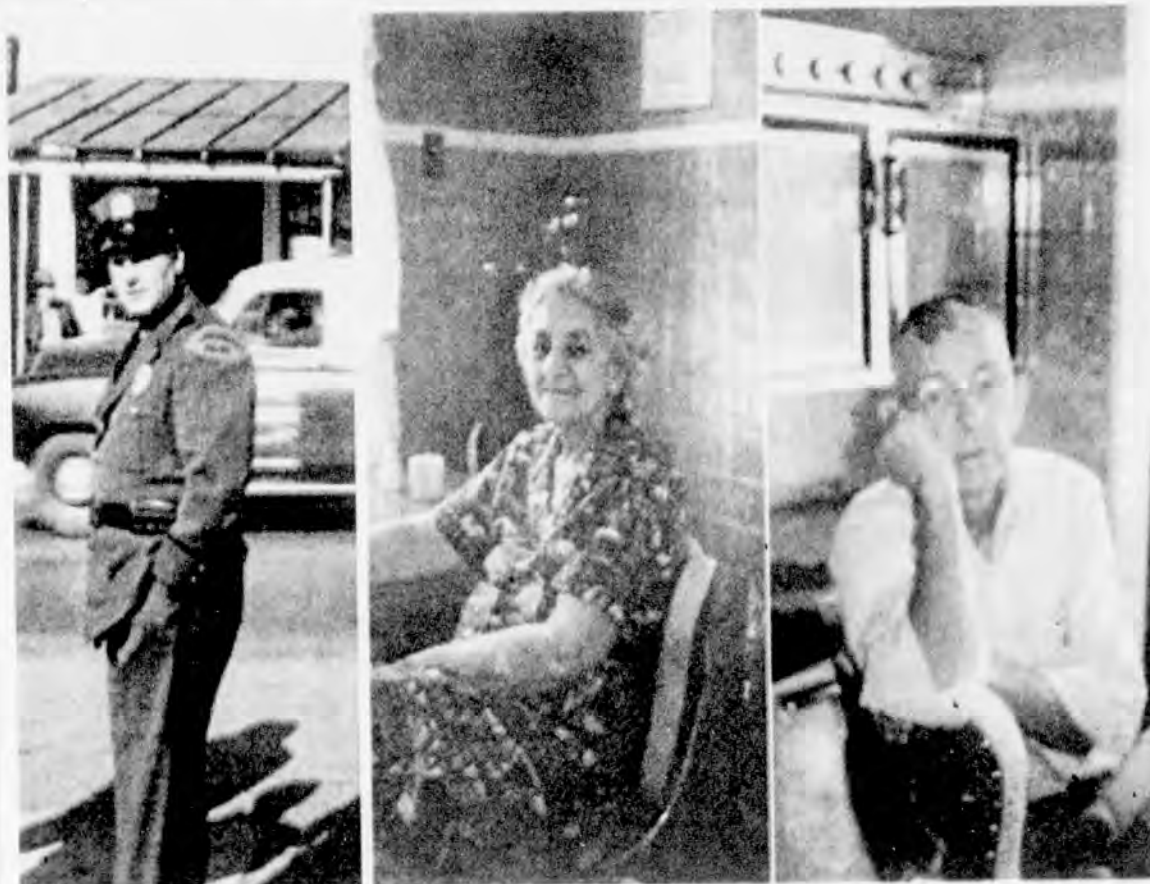


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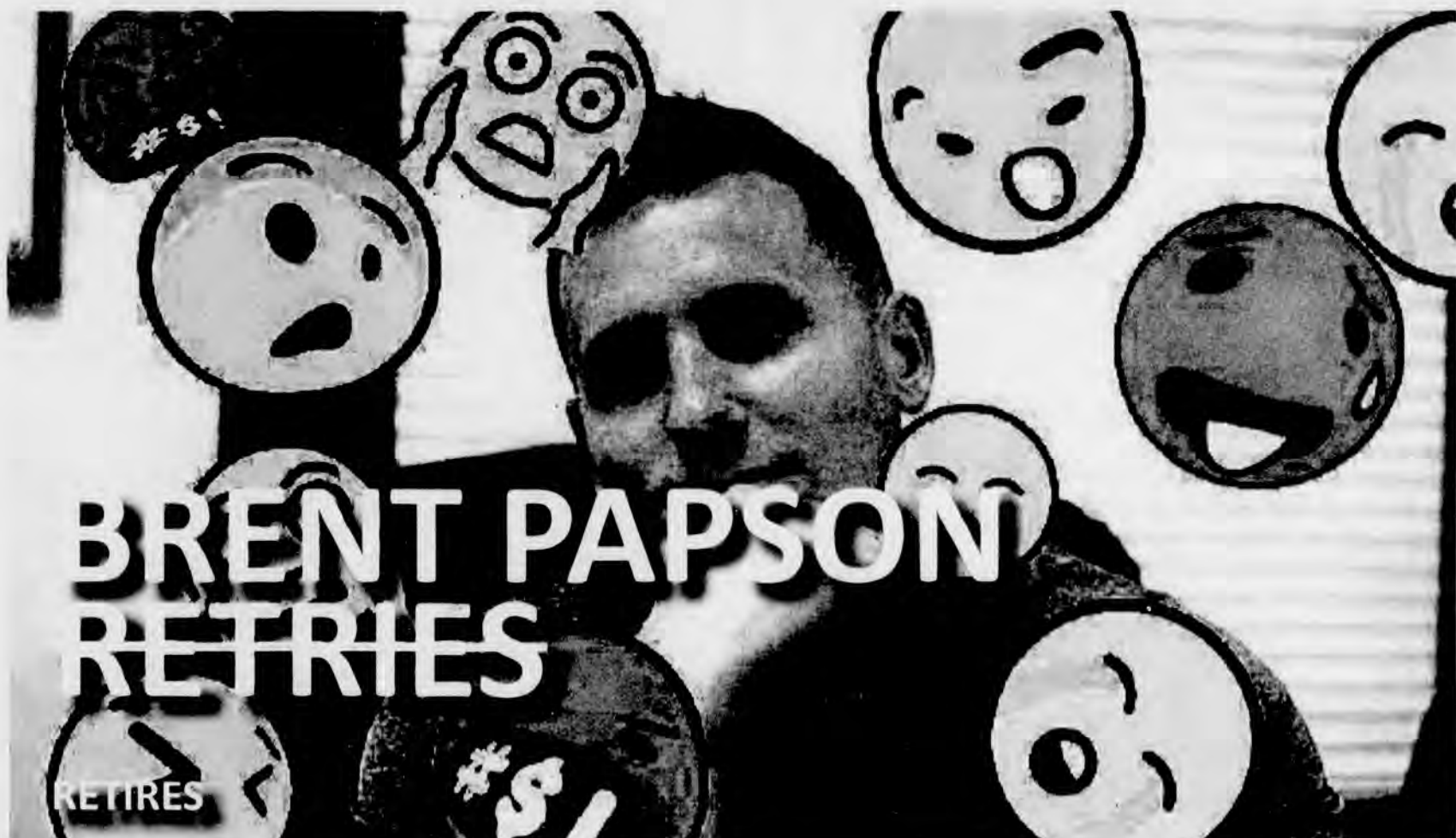
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BRENT PAPSON RETIRES

After half a decade of faithful service to the University community, Brent “Bret” Papson is retiring from his position as Director of

Campus Activities and Student Media. He was best known for his weekly emails to the student body, which served to capture

the hearts and minds of students everywhere. He will be sorely missed. A memorial service will be held on April 8. He intends

to move on from his position to spend more time with his constituency as Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota.

If you don’t know news, stick to satire

Maximus Bean
Satire Co-Editor

While this week is our April Fool’s issue, it by no means signifies that we are avoiding talking about serious issues; from the celebrity gossip like Will Smith throwing hands so badly that it would make the WWE cringe, to the overarching, almost incomprehensibly complex global conflicts that permeate our insignificant lives every day. Since it is our April Fool’s issue though, it gives us the opportunity to mess around with our coworkers and give the people what they really want: news they can trust.

Let’s be clear here: when people read satire, they know they’re given news that they can trust to

disbelieve, and I think we need that kind of transparency in journalism. When normal people read the news, there are often so many conflicting stories out there that nobody knows what could be going on. As a result, there’s plenty of disinformation spreading around. Tell me, when was the last time you smoked a cigarette? Back in the 1930s and 40s, they were rampant! Even doctors were recommending the stuff. You don’t have to believe me, I am writing for satire after all, but it’s just something to keep in mind. Let me give you an example of something you could read in today’s paper and let you decide:

The popular mogul magazine *Economy Annual* recently reported that inflation rates have just hit 10 percent. They interviewed

government-employed economy reviewer Ram Einstein for further updates. Einstein called the magazine’s reporting misinformation.

Did you believe that? I sure didn’t. It sounds all fancy with the words “economy” and “inflation” and other bits of nonsense thrown in there. That’s why I trust satire: no matter what, it’s all made up! You don’t need to question the veracity of the data presented to you because it shouldn’t have believed it to begin with! Unlike so-called “reputable” sources, there’s no need to fact-check the satire section (Eat your heart out, Snopes)! Like it or not, it’s the most trusted name in the paper because you can trust distrusting it! Sure, satire may be “deliberate misinformation”, but at least it’s misinformation you can rely on.

A serious conversation about stupid jokes

Aaron Chin
Staff Writer

Let’s face it: stupid jokes are not funny. Here at the Bucknellian, we strive to make the most sophisticated jokes possible. No more lowbrow, lowest-common-denominator jokes for us.

So what makes a joke stupid or sophisticated? Let’s break it down using some examples

Punching Down:

Jokes have to be made in good taste, which is why making jokes at the expense of an individual or group who is marginalized — “punching down” — is an example of unsophisticated humor. For example, making a joke about someone in the lower class will make you seem like a jerk, and we want to help you avoid that. Instead of joking about such populations, try joking about someone who is always problematic, like rich people who tell the rest of society that they need to work hard and that it’s their fault that the Earth is dying while they’re off to their fifth house via their five-million dollar yacht. Also, if you are telling jokes onstage, try not to make jokes about your friend’s wife; that friend might just walk up to you and hug you or something similar.

Farts/Bathroom Humor:

Let me paint the picture for you: I’m sitting in the back of my tenth grade English class reading Arthur Miller’s “The Crucible.” Now, why we were reading a boring play about the Salem Witch Trials and people getting hanged, I couldn’t tell you. Essentially, my mind was on everything besides the play and the fact that I was in a classroom.

That’s why I let out a fart. The classroom was deadly silent, and the only sound that anyone could hear was the permeating, ripping noise that came from... me.

But then something amazing happened.

One of the popular kids in my school turns around in his seat and yells “Oh, A-Money!” in my direction. That’s me. I’m no longer just Aaron, I’m A-Money now.

That story has given me hope, meaning and direction. It has made me who I am, which is wildly different than who I was. And that is why farts and bathroom humor are great examples of sophisticated humor.

So there you have it. I hope that you find these tips helpful and that you keep making fart jokes, which are the most sophisticated form of comedy.

BRAVMAN BEGINS

Thao Nguyen
Contributing Writer

President John C. Bravman’s office issued a statement Saturday morning denying unequivocally the rumor that he is the Batman. However, we can find no record of this rumor prior to the statement. Now that they have mentioned it, our investigative reporters have found a significant amount of evidence that President John C. Bravman may, in fact, be the Batman.

An excerpt from the statement is included here for context:

“To my fellow Bucknellians, I wanted to address the recent rumors that I, President Jonathan Crimelfighter Bravman, am the Batman. These rumors are categorically false. Any reports of me climbing buildings or throwing smoke bombs are at best exaggerations and at worst outright lies. I am a normal president of the university, and any suggestion to the contrary is preposterous.”

A recent geological survey conducted by geology professor Job Racob revealed an expansive cave system under the President’s

house. Professor Racob was quoted as saying, “Holy ****, that’s a lot of bats!” upon entering the cave. No further exploration of the caves was conducted, due to what observers described as “more bats than should reasonably exist in one place.” When asked about what some have dubbed the “bat-cave,” on account of it being a cave that really does have too many bats in it (trust us, we checked), Bravman reportedly threw a smoke bomb and vanished. It took the brilliant work of our investigative reporting team to determine that these two events may be linked.

Something else discovered by our reporting team was the repeated theft of certain chemicals from the chemistry department, all of which appear to be ingredients in common smoke bomb recipes. A chemistry professor, who wishes to remain unnamed, confided to one of our reporters that they had seen someone, who appears to have been of a similar build to Bravman stealing the chemicals one night several weeks earlier. Upon his

discovery, the thief dropped a smoke bomb and vanished. When asked for comment, President Bravman dropped a smoke bomb and vanished.

Also discovered by our intrepid reporters was a report from a student from several weeks ago that, while waiting for a meeting outside the president’s office, they heard the president mumbling gutturally. They couldn’t make out most of what the president said, but they say that they distinctly heard President Bravman say, “I’m vengeance.” When our reporters asked him about this over the weekend, Bravman threw a smoke bomb and vanished, in what some are calling “a pattern we really should have recognized by now.”

We at the Bucknellian considered reaching out to the president’s office for comment about this article, but reconsidered after we figured that the chemistry department probably needs those chemicals and anything that makes Bravman use any more smoke bombs than absolutely necessary should probably be avoided.

Breaking! Majority of Students Suffer from Spring Break Withdrawal

AJ Lawrence
Senior Writer

It’s been a fast two weeks since spring break with classes, sports and other campus activities kicking back into full swing. Students are busy with all sorts of assignments and obligations, and everyone is preparing for the end of the semester. Time will fly and soon it will be summer break. Students are certainly excited about their upcoming freedom, but it’s hard to finish out the semester when so many are suffering from Spring Break withdrawal.

A middle-of-the-semester break is always nice, letting students catch up on sleep, or even work if they care about having a productive break. The escape from school and work routines is a blessing and a curse, as spring break frees us from our schedules, while simultaneously running them into the ground. Students, whether they went on fantastical vacations to

sunny beaches or exotic resorts, or they just stayed at home the whole time, loved at the very least not having to go to class every day. But now that they’re back at school, they’re mourning the freedom they’ve lost while desperately searching for things to bring spring break back.

Amidst the normal Wednesdays, Friday and Saturday night festivities that have already seemed to double in intensity after the break, supers are even wilder than before as they start back up in earnest as the weather gets sort of nicer. Alcohol permeates the pool, covering the infamous houses’ fencing so much that one would think beer has just been poured into the street, and reports say that some of the music could be heard all the way over by the Seventh Street Café. And for those who don’t go to parties (even though this applies to the parties too), students were laser-focused on trying to fix their sleep schedules after becoming nocturnal over break. That becomes a moot point when they also have to pull all-nighters to

get caught up on any assignments they should have worked on over the break, and many still opted to skip early morning classes the first few days in an attempt to acclimate their bodies to the University environment once again.

It could be said that the smartest of all the students recovering from break were the ones who didn’t leave campus in the first place. Whether they stayed because of a job or sports practice, the ones who stayed didn’t have to deal with travel stress, planning with family or relatives that may want to see them, or adventures their friends wanted to go on that could only end in disaster. These students may feel sad about missing out on fun things spring break brings, but in the long run, they’ll benefit from the calm, albeit creepy vibe that an emptier campus brings. An added bonus for them is being able to laugh at all the students complaining about how the weather ruined their trip to the Bahamas or wherever else they were going.

Jack Harlow Cancels after Tri-Tater Travesty

Juliette Gaggini
Satire Co-Editor

Bucknell University is most famous for two things: its ranking on the list of top party schools and its world renowned food. Obviously, tumultuous times follow among Bucknellians when these two things are challenged. This past January was a tough time for the community with the downtown party ban, but arguably the most challenging times have just now descended upon us like a thick fog.

This past week, a scandal has taken the campus by storm as a classic staple of Bucknell delicacy has been under fire: the tri-taters. Though the tri-taters are just one of many potato options often offered in the dining services, they are certainly a fan-favorite to many. The tri-taters are known for their crispy and crunchy outer shell and their warm delightful potato filling.

Unfortunately for many, students have begun a revolt after one-morning’s servings of tri-taters were reported to be “soggy.” One student, Tim Sandaly ’23, said, “I woke up last Wednesday morning with a skip in my step knowing I was going to have tri-taters that day. I have never felt more betrayed than when I bit into a cold tri-tater.”

“It ruined my day immediately, so logically I took to my Instagram story to express my anger and disappointment that the University would serve such a potato and dare to call it a tri-tater,” continued Sandaly. “It’s a bi-tater at best, but likely a mono-tater. Like a tater tot.”

After seeing the news online, a former student, Willy Duscus ’80, reached out to The Bucknellian to express his concern about the scandal which took the internet by storm. “I loved my time at the University, but one memory that stands out to me in particular is how much I enjoyed the tri-taters in the caf. It is such a disappointment to see how the school has taken such a negative turn,” said Duscus.

Unfortunately for the students, news of the Tri-Tater Travesty reached Hollywood and Jack Harlow, who was scheduled to perform on campus later this April, has decided to cancel his show. Brent Papson has denied comment on these issues.

breaking the bubble

Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

DOMESTIC

Politico reported on Wednesday that Moderna officials were content with the data they have gathered to support its COVID-19 vaccine for children, but the Food and Drug Administration might not see it as enough. This news comes as a new variant, BA.2, rapidly spreads around Europe and China.

After comedian Chris Rock made a joke referencing Jada Pinkett Smith's hair at the Oscars on Sunday, Will Smith infamously slapped the Oscars host in the face, admonishing him to "Keep my wife's name out of your f---ing mouth," when returned to his seat. Smith has since publicly apologized for the incident. Chris Rock has yet to issue a statement, as of Wednesday. Moments after the altercation, Smith went on to win his first Oscar for his performance in "King Richard."

INTERNATIONAL

According to The Guardian, on Wednesday Russia doubled-down on their attacks on the Ukrainian city of Chernihiv, despite promising a drawback in respect of current peace talks. Vladyslav Atroshenko, mayor of Chernihiv, claimed to The Guardian that the Russians lied about this promised ceasefire.

Jamie Wallis has become the first openly transgender member of British Parliament, according to al-Jazeera. His announcement prompted many supporting messages from colleagues, including Prime Minister Boris Johnson. Al-Jazeera reported that the announcement came among an "often toxic debate" in British politics surrounding transgender rights and gender identity.

5 things to put on your to-do list

Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

Public Safety Community Conversation

On April 4, from 4–5 p.m., there will be an open meeting with Chief of Public Safety Anthony Morgan in Walls Lounge, Elaine Langone Center. This will be the second – and final – discussion in a series designed for the campus population to provide feedback to Public Safety on how best to serve the community. According to his message in the Message Center Digest, Morgan will discuss the feedback received from the March meeting and the results of the independent review of Public Safety by Margolis Healy.

Goldman Sachs Information Session

According to a posting in the Message Center, the Bison Finance Society is hosting an informational session with Beau Standish, Vice President of Goldman Sachs' private wealth and management division. The April 1 meeting will start at 4

p.m. in Holmes Auditorium and talk about the firm itself and any career opportunities available to students. To register for the event, a link can be found in the Message Center Digest from March 30.

Study Abroad Information Sessions

The Office of Global & Off-Campus Education will be hosting general information sessions on April 5 from 12:30–1 p.m. and April 7 from 4:30–5 p.m. Although the advising period for Fall Semester ended on March 31, advising for the spring semester will last until mid-September. Links for the Zoom sessions can be found on the Message Center from March 29. Any questions can be directed to gloaled@bucknell.edu.

Weis Center Performances

On April 2, the Weis Center will host Sonia De Los Santos at 1 p.m. for Latin American Family Music. There will be free children's activities prior to the

performance. Tickets are free for University students. More information can be found on the Weis Center's website. On April 3, Professor Qin Jiang will have a solo piano performance at 2 p.m. in the Weis Center Auditorium. Tickets are free for all attendees. More information can be found on the 2021-22 Season Performances list on the Weis Center's website.

Applications for Summer Counselors Due

Applications for a paid position as a summer counselor for an educational program hosted by the Office of Admissions. The listing on the Message Center reads, "As a counselor you are filling several roles: mentor, team leader, and a guide to the campus. You will be serving as an RA to a hall of high school students, facilitating discussion in the classroom, and helping to promote a liberal arts experience." The program will provide housing, meals and additional compensation. It will last from June 26–July 1. Applications are due at 11:59 p.m. tonight, April 1.

New dorm in planning stages at Bucknell

William Medeiros
Contributing Writer

As the 2022 University housing raffle comes to a close, rumors surrounding the future of Bucknell West housing, commonly known as "the Mods," have come to light. The University is reportedly contemplating removing the current "Mods" housing in favor of a new dormitory location.

At this time, it appears that such rumors are true—to some extent.

"At the October 2021 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a design study for a potential capital project to replace the existing 270-bed Bucknell West student housing using the existing site," the University confirmed in a statement from Director of Media Relations Mike Ferlazzo. "The design study has not yet been completed so additional details on cost and funding source have not been determined."

Clearly, the project is still within its preliminary stages. There is no specific style, budget or further plans in place at this time. The topic of Bucknell West is a hot topic for students, as some advocate for the current structures to remain, while others believe they are outdated and a waste of space. While some opinions are that a new structure could relieve the strains the University endures during the housing raffles, many believe that Bucknell West

should remain.

Olivia Shields '23, a Junior currently living at Bucknell West, is in favor of the Mods remaining.

"Personally I would be in favor of the mods staying," she said. "I like how they are built in an individual manner, as it feels like I have my own personal living space. It feels like my own little home, especially since there is green space outside, that makes it feel like my own yard even."

"I would prefer they keep the current structures, though definitely some of them need updating or renovations of some kind. The mods are special to Bucknell and I would like the school to do more to enhance the current structures," Shields said.

The amount of space across Route 15 that the University owns is certainly enough to build a new dorm complex. The current Bucknell West housing was installed with the goal of being a quick and cheap project to house some additional students. Today, as the University grows and housing raffles become more complex, it is increasingly likely that the school's next build project will be to install a new living facility in place of Bucknell West.

Taking into consideration that Bucknell West is across Route 15, one can reason students living in the proposed dorm complex would be upperclassmen.

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Griffin Perrault
Editor-in-Chief

Nearly 30 students gathered on a chilly and rain-menaced Science Quad to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the 2021 Atlanta spa shootings. University Chaplain, Kurt Nelson, led the small group in a short ceremony in memory of the shooting, referring to it as a "hate crime" and calling on the university community to continue honoring the lives of the victims. The ceremony featured the distribution of candles – the lighting of which was complicated by wind and rain – accompanied by a few minutes of silence.

"I (and our chaplains, and religious & spiritual life) are happy to help facilitate vigils, gatherings, and moments of reflection for most any member of the community who comes forward with a request to do so," Kurt Nelson, Director of Religious & Spiritual Life at the University, said. "[W]e had such a request over spring break to take a moment to pause and remember and grieve that horrific hate crime and moment a year ago. Amidst 2 years of grief and loss, those murders stand out as a particularly grief and anger filled moment – especially for members of the APIDA community here."

"To gather in solidarity and love and remember is a good measure of what it means to be in community," Nelson said.

Just over one year ago on March 16, 2021 Woodstock resident Robert Aaron Long opened fire on three different businesses in the Atlanta metropolitan area – two spas and one massage parlor. In the process he claimed the lives of Paul Michels, Yong Ae Yue, Soon Chung Park, Hyun Jung Grant, Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Delaina Yuan, and Suncha Kim. Six of these eight

victims were Asian women; four murders were committed in two Atlanta spas and four in neighboring Cherokee County, at the establishment Young's Asian Massage.

Upon his apprehension by police, Long confessed to the shootings and cited a supposed 'sexual addiction' as motivation for his shooting spree. He had received treatment for the issue at an Evangelical treatment clinic, explaining his attempts to suppress the predilections as contrary to his Christian beliefs. According to the Associated Press, Long "equated the businesses to sex," despite the complete lack of evidence that any of the three establishments employed sex workers, "and that drove him to kill."

Consequently, the shooting ignited a national conversation about the effects of anti-Asian racism, including a tendency to fetishize Asian women as objects of sexual desire and satisfaction. Long's claims to avenge his sexual addiction through the victimization of Asian women at spa and massage parlors epitomized this trend, activists noted, by establishing an absurd nexus between their identity and employment and sexual temptation.

At the time of the shooting, numbers of Asian-American rights activists added that the massacre compounded existing violence against the Asian community in 2021, with a spike in hate crimes relating to the origination of the coronavirus pandemic in Wuhan, China. Conspiracy theories alleged that China deliberately or accidentally leaked the virus from a laboratory in Wuhan, and a number of critics from both parties condemned China's supposedly insufficient response in preventing the early spread of COVID-19. Hate groups placed broad-based blame

for the spread of the virus on Asian and Asian-American residents, resulting in everything from derogatory remarks to assaults and even murders.

Shortly after the shooting, students Ruby Lee '21 and Jasmine Minhas '22 organized a vigil on the same Quad in 2021 "to stand in solidarity with the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) community." The event attracted an audience of over 200 people, who were offered lit candles in honor of the victims while organizers spoke about the incident. "We've been speaking, but have you been listening?" Lee said.

Though this year's event was also well-attended, some members of the campus community were confused by the University's lack of publicity surrounding the vigil. An email from the Diversity & Inclusion office advertising the vigil was not sent out to the campus community until March 24; the event itself had occurred the previous evening. A review of the email's metadata indicates it was created on Tuesday, March 22nd at 11:31am, but was not delivered to student inboxes until 173,474 seconds – just over two days – after its creation. No information is available about when the message was scheduled to be sent. This was the first and only time the campus had received notice of the DE&I-sponsored event; attendees heard of it through word-of-mouth and shares of the poster through social media.

Holding posters admonishing readers to "call it a hate crime" and "protect Asian lives," attendees of the vigil were read the names of the eight victims by BSG executive president Bernadette Maramis '24. Students then stood in what Nelson referred to as a "Quaker meeting-style" formation, and observed a brief period of silence before adjourning.

Public Safety solicits feedback from students with new "Guardian Score" app

Dora Kreitzer
News Assistant Editor

Chief Anthony Morgan announced that beginning April 2, Public Safety will be partnering with the application Guardian Score to gather survey data for 90 days about officers' interactions with campus community members. In his message, Morgan referred to this survey system as part of Public Safety's "continuous cycle of self-improvement."

When the Bucknellian spoke to Chief Morgan in February only 22 days after he joined the staff, Morgan informed campus of his plans to use Guardian Score, explaining part of his reasoning for using Guardian Score as because "it's built on the pillars of procedural justice: How were you treated? How was the officer's reaction? And we're going to capture that data. So we can kind of see for ourselves. 'What are we doing well, what aren't we doing well?' kind of from a data perspective."

Morgan more recently added that he believes that by "adhering to the tenets of procedural justice," Public Safety will be able to "improve relationships with the community [they] serve."

Guardian Score is a pilot program designed to help police administrations gather real-time data about individual interactions with officers. On their website, their mission is stated as five-fold: "change the way agencies measure a 'good officer,' provide a voice to all citizens who experience police encounters, help law enforcement agencies protect their brand, measure procedural justice skills of individual police officers, and build legitimacy for law enforcement within their community."

Every officer will carry interaction cards with each one containing a unique QR code as well as

the officer's name, badge number, role and department. Any individual that interacts with an officer will receive an interaction card to scan to access the evaluation survey. Once the card is redeemed, that link and QR code cannot be used again. Individuals will be asked to rate their police interaction based on the officer's "ability to explain 'why,' listening skills, fairness, professionalism and their ability to explain next steps," according to the Guardian Score website. The survey claims to be 100 percent anonymous.

Jillie Santos '22, one of the speakers at the student walkout in protest of Public Safety's handling of a student conduct case alleged by former officer Colby Snook in a lawsuit against the University under former Chief Steve Barilar, has concerns about this format.

"If students can only access the Guardian Score rating platform after receiving a card from an officer directly following an interaction, anonymity is undermined and students may not feel comfortable providing an authentic report. Access to this platform should be available to all students at any given time," Santos said.

"My biggest issue with the program is its focus on the individual, which shifts the focus away from the bigger systemic issues that are the real problems at hand. I do not have personal grudges against individual officers nor do I believe that all the problems discussed in the walkout and list of demands are due to the specific people. Rather, the changes students are demanding, such as greater transparency from the department and administration, come from the institutional level and are often things the officers have no control over," said Iona Pitkin '25, another student involved in the student protest, said.

The interaction scores are made available to the department for review in real time, though the department has no control over the backend. Data can be evaluated on the officer, group and department level and can identify trends in scores by campus members' age, race, ethnicity and gender as well as interaction type. It can also make recommendations for necessary trainings and identify high and low performers within the department. According to Guardian Score, the resulting data is not available for the public and is viewable only for the department.

While Chief Morgan introduced this decision as a step in the direction of improvement of Public Safety, students are hoping to see bigger changes coming in-hand with or as a result of this evaluation.

"Naturally, I am wary of the Guardian Score program and I will remain that way until I see the department implementing changes that address the concerns voiced through the program. The program might be valuable in providing insight to the Public Safety department around student opinion, but I have trouble imagining what changes they can begin to implement with that. Instead, I think the department should spend more time and resources understanding what students want and how they feel about the department as a whole," Pitkin said.

"While I applaud Chief Morgan's demonstrated commitment to instituting more mechanisms of accountability in the Department of Public Safety, this is a small first step toward improving trust on campus which I hope provides momentum for more substantial changes," Santos said.

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An Interview with Dean Kari Conrad

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The glass-walled offices of the CAP center — often hosting cardboard cutouts of the University's latest celebrity guest peering out to the ELC's student space — might only see a dozen students walk through its doors on any given day. What comes out of those doors, however, are experiences and memories tailor-made for students across the University.

I've had the opportunity to meet the boss there, Associate Dean of Students Kari Conrad, through our mutual time with Bucknell Student Government. She advises not only BSG, but also the Concert Committee, and she manages the CAP Center staff who run the Lectureship Committee, Outdoor Education and Leadership, clubs and organization support, makerspaces, student media and a variety of other areas. She's worked with six University presidents and tens of thousands of students.

We spoke Tuesday about her experiences at the University, who she's learned from and what students are looking for next.

I had arrived for the interview about 25 minutes early, and Dean Conrad walked in a few minutes after.

"Am I late?" she asked. She wasn't, so she quickly finished a call with a talent agent before inviting me into her glass-walled office.

Opening the door, Dean Conrad said "my office is a complete nightmare" in her signature self-effacing style. (For the record, it really wasn't.) We got started after she entreated me to have a coffee.

Hailing from Michigan, Dean Conrad got hired at the University in 1988. From her first job at California state school, a colleague sent her a job advertisement for Associate Director of Housing and Residential Life here at the University. Dean Conrad added, "I mean, again, the world was very different. No phones, no nothing, so he sent me an envelope."

She applied for the job, "and then I got this call from a colleague that I was pretty close to." Conrad accepted the University position after her colleague said "Well, I would be your boss."

"And so," Dean Conrad said, "it was meant to be."

In Housing, she helped pick every single roommate combination for the hundreds of first-years. "We brought in seven chalkboards into a room, and we had every single student listed," and circled the pairs individually, she said.

"It was all done by hand, so it was a slow, arduous kind of process," she said.

After working for Housing for 11 years, Dean Conrad was twice invited to chair the search committee for a Campus Activities director. Twice, no candidate was hired, so her then-boss convinced her to take the job, "and it was the blessing of my life," Dean Conrad said.

"Like, can you imagine coming

into work every day and working with students in my capacity?" she said.

So, in 1999, Kari Conrad became Assistant Dean of Students, and began to lead the CAP Center. Soon, she'd adopt the title Dean Conrad, which nearly every student would shorten to affectionately call her "DC."

Now, Dean Conrad describes her job as "half-and-half: students and interacting with them, and then making sure the infrastructure and administrative stuff is there to support whatever endeavors we do."

"Students make a decision to come here because what they get inside the classroom is going to be second to none, right?" she said. "People are a little bit concerned when they come to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania about their out-of-class experience. So that's our job: that's what we have to attend to every single day."

One of Dean Conrad's main responsibilities is helping to advise the student Lectureship and Concert committees. Planning for international performers like Jack Harlow, Pete Davidson, Shaquille O'Neal and Kanye West in Lewisburg, Pa., according to her, takes a great deal of effort.

Even selecting people to invite proves challenging. "Did I know who Jack Harlow is? No. But once our students tell me 'DC, he's big, he's awesome, he'll rock it,' that's my job to dig a little deeper."

Additionally, she helps to ensure that performers invited represent a diverse subset of the student body. "It's my job to make sure it's not the five students on concert committee leadership that are excited, or five people on the lectureship committee that are excited."

"That's my big thing," she said, so that "the entire campus community is going to wrap their arms around it."

When the choice of performer or their actions prove controversial, however, Dean Conrad is also there. "We do our best to mitigate those circumstances and to respect the community, and to respect the artist and their work and what the students want," she says. "So it's tough sometimes."

Actually orchestrating the event is a whole different matter.

"Many of the artists are used to stadium concerts where it's a well-oiled machine. We're a college that does this once a year," Dean Conrad said, "So this is not our everyday job."

For instance, just last semester, "Shaq was so impressed; he just loved our student population. I would say that's the sentiment of most people [who perform on campus]," Dean Conrad said.

While Dean Conrad said herself and other staff don't actually see much face time with those invited, they do devote themselves to making the logistics go flawlessly. She cites facilities, dining and other University departments as making sure "our T's are crossed and our I's are dotted. So I think they really appreciate that."

Dean Conrad advises several areas of Bucknell Student Government: in addition to the body overall, she specifically works with both the junior and senior class Senates, as well as the Community Committee.

She described being fortunate to have the chance to work with BSG and passionate students, because "the impact that student government and leaders and clubs and organizations have on campus, I don't think anyone truly understands."

For instance, "BSG finance is responsible for allocating half a million-plus dollars every year, so that's huge," she said.

"I've seen the impact BSG can have on campus," Dean Conrad said. BSG students are important, she explained, not only because of the influence they have on their peers. "I think about political action, I think about activism. I think about dining policies and procedures."

She continued that "Every nook and cranny of your out-of-class and in-class experiences has shifted and changed because of BSG, [and they] sit on a lot of powerful committees, Planning and Budget and [Committee on Instruction], so the influence and the opportunity for impact is right there in front of you."

Students' impact, according to Conrad, has made the University "a very different place than we were 20 years ago."

But Dean Conrad made sure to contextualize her role: as students decide policy or discuss issues, "I try and remain incredibly quiet, because I do believe it's student government. So I don't chime in. I don't give my opinion."

She emphasized that she provides institutional history and an administrative perspective to those students, as well as warnings of "pitfalls or challenges that they might face."

Ultimately, when students are deciding whether and how to get involved, "You've just got to feel powerful enough to use your voice when you're on those committees, to make change."

She pointed to two prominent alumni who both served on Bucknell Student Government: Erica Delsandro '02, who is now an Assistant Professor of Women's & Gender Studies here, and Jessica Jackley '00, a prominent entrepreneur.

According to Dean Conrad, BSG is "a shortlist for strength," and "all of those people who have profoundly impacted Bucknell in significant ways were a part of BSG, which is really cool."

In the past, she said, BSG's weekly meetings were often attended by students not in the organization, or by faculty and administrators looking to see what representatives were up to.

"My dream for the future of BSG is like, I would love Sunday meetings to be attended by outside groups and coming in and talking to BSG," she said. "Our public comments exist for a reason, but no one ever takes advantage of that."

"Ultimately, I truly believe in student government."



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On how the student body has changed during the time here, one thing Dean Conrad said remained constant is "their passion, their energy, their excitement, their positivity, their to multitask in so many different ways remains the same."

But as the 2000s rolled onto the present day, "COVID and technology and social media has kind of raised the bar a little bit on anxiety, and shifting mental health is a huge thing right now. All of those challenges and those blessings come into play, as we deal with students now as compared to 20 years ago," she said.

Conrad cracked more than a few jokes about Brent Papson, the Director of Campus Activities and Student Media, who reports directly to her.

"I mean, Brent constantly teases me about the fact that you know, when I came here, no computers, no cell phones, no nothing." For instance, the University gave students their first email addresses eight years after Dean Conrad joined the University.

But moving towards a post-COVID world comes with its own unique set of challenges.

"Students are not as comfortable in face to face meetings, and having those real conversations with people," Dean Conrad said, and challenging people online is a totally different experience. "You really don't have the chance to unpack what that dialogue really meant."

"So I say technology is good, and it's challenging at times."

So her department has adjusted programming accordingly: "Package programming, pop ups, all of that stuff. Let's make some things really easy so students don't have to jump through a million hoops to get a program done."

Ultimately, Dean Conrad emphasized the value of face-to-face work as building the University community. It's "getting people back around a table communicating, and having bonding activities and looking at each other without a mask for the first time this week, which is great. Feeling comfortable in large crowds, which they have not experienced in a long time."

One of the favorite parts of Dean Conrad's job is building relationships with students to have meaningful, authentic conversations.

"Whether I'm that Bucknell mom or that Bucknell friend or whatever, I want students to know that I learn from them, and I'm going to share my life experiences with them."

She finds that those conversations continue to help her grow: "whether it's political conversations, whether it's conversations about home life, or life concerns or majors or 'how do I do my job as BSG president'... just kind of unpacking life together, and just assuring them that that the conversations that we're having are real and authentic, and that they can come to me."

And she's gained a lot here, too. "I've been here for 34-plus years. I met my husband here. Three kids later, I mean, Bucknell is just a way of life for us."

Dean Conrad's kids "have had Bucknell babysitters, they've gone to concerts, they had BSG and CORE dinners, you know." She added, "My daughter's best friends with Chandler [Houldin]" who graduated in 2020 after being Executive President of BSG.

So the way DC has poured herself into the University has reflected on her kids. "They had certain things in mind when they went to college, but they also understand that you got to love what you do. Because you spend the majority of your life in your career and what you're doing so, you know, love what you're doing."

As our conversation drew close to an hour, she offered some advice for both first-years and seniors.

"For a senior," she continued, "maybe it's time for some reflection. Most of our decisions in life are made in two seconds or less. But those really important decisions need reflection, right?"

Dean Conrad said seniors should ask themselves some questions. "Are you comfortable with your major? What are you looking for in your next step in life? What has your collegiate Bucknell experience meant to you and why? What are you taking away?"

"These four years you get once in your life, so maybe it's time for some reflection at this point. And then move forward accordingly."

To first-years, "Don't feel like you're a newbie on campus. You've got [only] four years to make this magic happen. So go for it. You know, 'step in, paddle out,' as Chandler would say, and do your magic," she said. "Don't be afraid to ask questions, to make waves, to — you know — be who you are."

While I was putting the finishing touches on this article, DC and I ran into each other in the student space. I told her the photos I took just after our interview turned out great.

"Yeah, sure," she quipped, and I started heading up towards class. DC had emailed me shortly before our interview and said "Feel free to bring a camera—although old people generally shy away from getting their picture taken."

Carrying a poster for some upcoming campus event — I wasn't able to tell — with an entourage of CAP Center peers, she stopped and yelled across the space: "Nick!"

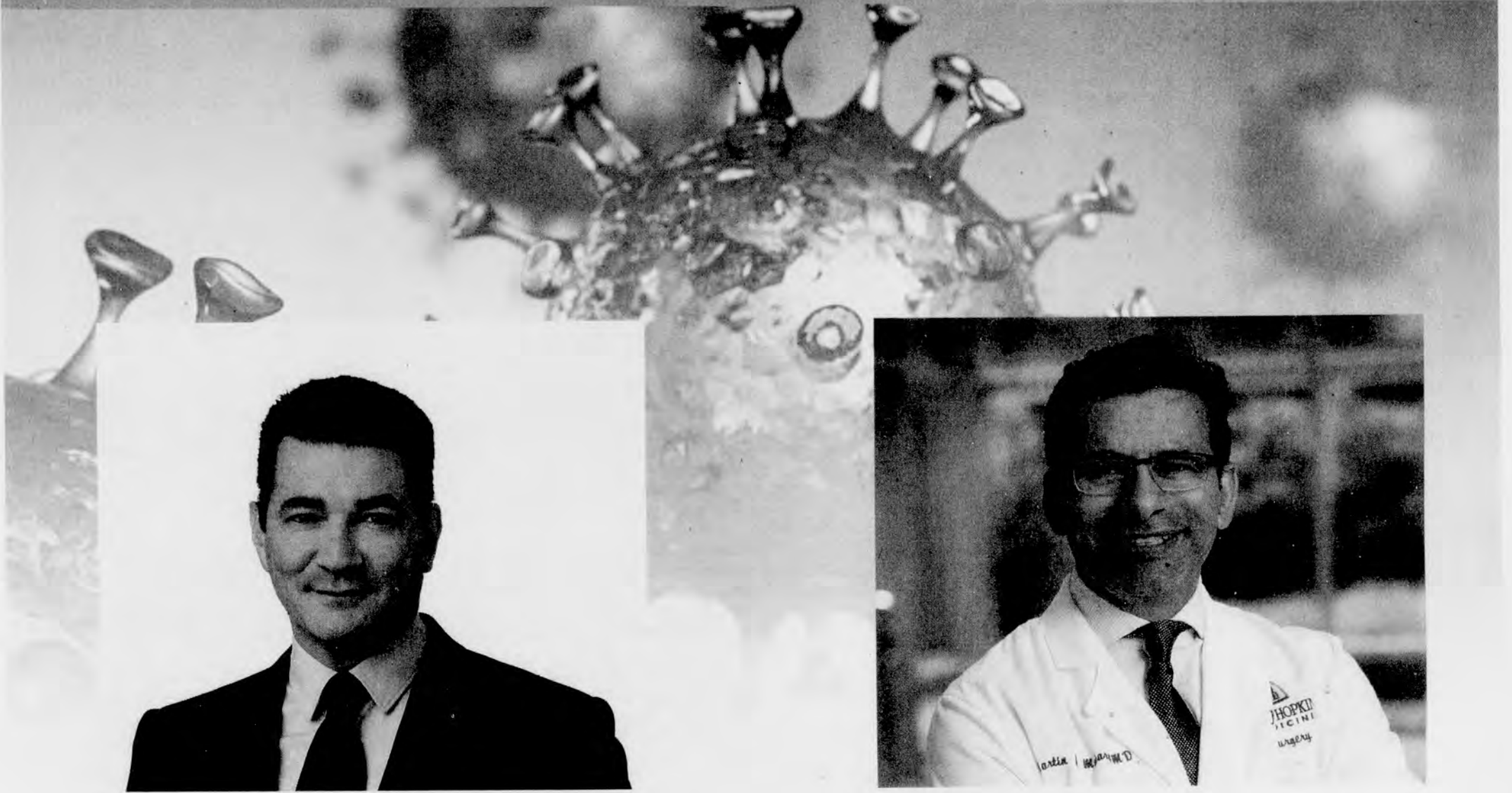
I turned around. "See you Friday!" she said.

Canoe Battleship, 9 p.m. at Kinney. Rumor has it Brent Papson still has a spot open in his canoe.



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Freeman College's intro experiential course, MGMT 101: Intro to Organization and Management, is one of the more trendy classes offered on campus known to be sought-after choice during course registration. It grants valuable insight into the real world, encouraging entrepreneurship, establishing pillars of successful business practices and the collective efforts of a team that uplifts and contributes to local community service. Every semester, students from the class crowd the LC mall advertising the sale of unique and hot-ticketed University merch to fundraise for non-profit companies.

The premise of the class is to learn fundamental management theories, concepts, and models to further put them into practice for the remainder of the semester. Students are tasked to design and manage their own companies throughout the semester. In addition, the companies must design and sell merchandise and hold a fundraising event to raise money for the non-profit organizations they choose to partner with.

One group developed a company called Cause 4 Paws in partnership with 4 Paws Sake. 4 Paws Sake is a local animal rescue shelter that provides sanctuary for abandoned or neglected dogs with hopes to spread community awareness and reunite these animals with nurturing homes.

According to the Cause 4 Paws mission statement, "Cause 4 Paws is determined to be a vessel for change. With our effort and energy, our purpose is to provide 4 Paws sake with the support and service that will allow them to thrive within their efforts of providing sanctuary and relief for abandoned, stray, and neglected dogs. 4 Paws sake, at its core, demonstrates qualities of empathy, compassion, and selflessness. We as a company hope to mirror these same qualities both in our relationships as company members and throughout the process of executing our mission."

For the remainder of the semester Cause 4 Paws plans to raise enough money by selling white monopoly-themed t-shirts to represent campus and downtown institutions starting at \$25. They also plan to hold a fundraising event, Spring Fest, at Sojka Lawn on April 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. The event will include a Rita's truck, dunk tank and other lawn games. In addition, donations can be made to the Cause 4 Paws GiveButter campaign.

Intending to raise at least \$2,000, Cause 4 Paws hopes to create a comfortable and affordable environment for the animals. "A lot of their money goes toward their heating bill, and they want to use their central heating system less to allocate their funds to bring in more animals. We are renovating their facility - building a dog enclosure and boarding up one of their garage doors to eliminate draft and ultimately decrease their heating bills so they can focus their money toward rescuing more animals. We plan to start construction this Thursday," Lianne Garrahan '25 said.

The Cause 4 Paws vision statement resonates this philanthropic drive, "Through our partnership with 4 Paws Sake, we envision our company as a catalyst for further growth of their company initiatives and purpose. Our company members all share a love for animals and believe that we have the potential to help both the community and animals in the Milton area. We hope to create awareness for neglected and abandoned animals and help 4 Paws Sake by alleviating some of their financial burdens and helping their animals get adopted."

This is such an invaluable opportunity for future entrepreneurs and small businesses alike. Freeman College has instilled a fundamental passion for supporting and inspiring small and non-profit businesses. The small business development center and BizPitch challenge are other resources and opportunities offered to students. The opportunities afforded to students allow for this meaningful experience and later success once they graduate.



Students and the campus community are the main contributors to these companies. They are structured to attune for our interests, non-dining food, cool merch and the opportunity to give back to the greater Lewisburg public. Make sure to look out for Cause 4 Paws and other MGMT 101 companies this semester to buy into their business ventures for a greater purpose. It also is valuable time as we count down on the remaining weeks of the school year to support our peers.



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Bison tennis suffers defeat apiece

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The men's and women's tennis teams enjoyed only one game apiece this past weekend with both having a match canceled or postponed. The men lost narrowly to Chestnut Hill without their top two singles players by a score of 4-3. The women lost their Patriot League opener 6-1 against Navy. With the losses, the men now have a record of 4-14 on the season while the women own a record of 9-6.

The men traveled to the Hershey Racquet Club on Sunday to take on Chestnut Hill without their top two singles players Harrison Gold '24 and Nick Mueller '23. In their places, Michael Owen '23 and Tim Zelikovsky '24 moved up to the top two spots. Owen won 7-5, 7-6 at first singles while Zelikovsky won 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 on singles two. The duo also teamed up to win the number one doubles point for the Bison (6-3). The Bison's third and final point came in the number six singles match where Charlie Nordahl '24 defeated his opponent 6-3, 1-6, 7-5. Unfortunately, this was not enough as the Bison fell overall 4-3.

The Bison women opened

their Patriot League campaign on Sunday against Navy. The Mids emerged victorious by a 6-1 margin, but there were a few bright spots for the Bison including the fact that many of them played up one or two spots in singles. Daniela Bellini '22 had the ultimate highlight for the Bison as she defeated a 2021 All-Patriot League First Team member in the top singles spot. Anna Lajos '25, who was playing up two courts, lost a tight opening set 7-5 to a 2021 All-Patriot League First Team honoree. Lajos also teamed up with Madi Sebulsky '24 on the second doubles court. The duo battled hard, but narrowly lost 6-4.

Despite the losses, both the men and women will look to rebound in the coming week as they take on Patriot League foes. The women host their first dual match of the season against Lehigh on April 2 at 2 p.m. and Colgate on April 3 at 10 a.m. The men will open their Patriot league campaign as they host Colgate on April 1 at 4 p.m. and Boston University on April 3 at 10 a.m.

Women's Lacrosse Secures First Patriot League Victory



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Senior Writer

The Bison women's lacrosse team had an exciting Patriot League victory this past Saturday, March 26 as they defeated the Lafayette Leopards 16-9 on Graham Field. The Bison gained the edge over their opponent early in the match and maintained momentum throughout to seal the victory. The Bison strengthened their record to 4-5 on the season and 1-1 in Patriot League play.

The Orange and Blue came out fired up, scoring 13 of their 16 goals in the first 26 minutes of play. The Leopards could not

keep up with the Bison attack, only putting up four goals in the first half. Entering the third quarter, the Orange and Blue faced some offensive challenges, unable to convert on any of their opportunities. The Leopards took advantage of this, scoring five goals of their own and narrowing the Bison lead 13-9. With only one quarter left to play, the Bison knew they needed to secure their victory, and they did just that. In a span of two-and-a-half minutes, the Bison netted three more goals and kept the Leopards scoreless. The Bison walked away with a

16-9 victory, along with their first Patriot League win of the season.

With such a strong result comes many notable performances, especially from rookies Allie Boyce '25 and Colleen Kazanjian '25. Boyce set a new career high, scoring five goals and six points on the day, while Kazanjian made 10 saves in her first collegiate victory. Emma Cashwell '22 netted four goals of her own, followed by Taylor Kopan '24 with three and Katie Wendell '22 with two.

When speaking with Boyce about the game, she said

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Upcoming Events

Men's Lacrosse

Vs Army West Point on 4/1 at 1pm

Softball

• Vs Saint Peter's on 4/5 at 4pm

Women's Tennis

• Vs Lehigh on 4/2 at 2pm
• Vs Colgate on 4/3 at 10am

Men's and women's golf battle at respective competitions

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Bison men's golf finished best out of the Patriot League teams, finishing third at the Battle at Rum Pointe over the weekend. The total was tied with Fairfield and Rider and behind winners Rhode Island and Harvard in the 21-team field. The team stayed consistent over both days, shooting 296 on the first day, and rounding out the second day with 297.

In windy conditions in Maryland Jason Lohwater '22 led the charge, finishing one shot off the lead, with a 3-under total of 141 for 36 holes. He was one of just five players out of 120 to break par over the weekend with three consecutive birdies to round out Saturday's play, as well as an eagle and two birdies on Sunday to round out his third-place finish individually.

Blake Wisdom '23 finished 17th with a 4-over total of 148, while Michael Rudnick '25 and Jackson Bussel '23 recorded scores of 75 and 76 for the Orange and Blue.

The Bison are hosted by

Lafayette for the Abarta Coca-Cola Collegiate Invitational on April 10-11

Bison Women's Golf finished 12th out of 14 teams at the Kingsmill Intercollegiate at the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Virginia over two days on March 28-29.

The Bison ended the tournament, eventually won by Delaware, with a 54-hole total of 994 and a second-day performance seeing them move above Merrimack to 12th after being in 13th at the end of the first day.

Cristina Canales '24 finished with a team-best 245 total, followed by Tara Thomas '25 who posted a 77, leading the team on the second day. Sun Woo Jeon '22 recorded two birdies on the second day and ended with an 80, and the Orange and Blue also recorded an 84 from Sahana Paravantavida '23.

The team returns to action this Saturday and Sunday, April 2-3 at the Prospect Bay Intercollegiate in Grasonville, Maryland.



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Successful opening outdoor weekend for track & field

Holly Burns
Sports Co-Editor

Bison track and field opened up outdoor competition this week with meets against Navy and Susquehanna. The Orange and Blue recorded several strong performances on both the men's and women's sides, a good start for a strong outdoor season.

Navy Invite

The women's team secured wins in nine different events on Saturday at the Navy Invite, some Bison even recording record performances. Meghan Quinn '24 had a breakout winter for the Orange and Blue, and continued with more strong results against Navy. Quinn won the 100 and the 200, and earned the fourth all-time record in the 100 after running a 12.06. Quinn ran a 25.30 to secure the win in the 200.

Quinn spoke on the weekend. "The meet this weekend was a great opener for our team. My performance as well as many others were a good start to the season and I know many people got close to or set a personal best. Coming off the indoor season, I think we are all excited to get some big performances in the outdoor season," Quinn said.

Bridget Lalonde '23 also had a successful weekend for the Orange and Blue, taking first in the 400 with a 57.35 and third in the 200. Emily Deschler '22 won the 5000, and Abby Paczewski '24 came in a close second place.

Karen Hull '24 also posted a strong weekend, winning first place in the high jump (5-3) and second place in the 100 meter hurdles (14.57). Jenny Scott '23, Gianna Macones '22 and Siobhan O'Sullivan '24 also secured victories in their respective field

events.

The Bison 4x100 squad also earned a spot on the top 10 list, recording the fifth-fastest time in school history (47.15). Lalonde, Quinn, Macones and Hull made up the record-setting relay team. The 4x400 team also earned a notable second place with a 4:03.04.

The Bison men also took home several big victories. Most notably, Trevor Drescher '25 took home first place in the javelin as a first-year (185-6). Kevin Boyle '22 earned second place in the 200 (22.67) and Rayven Sample '24 took second place in the 400 (50.86). Matthew Perello '24 had a third place finish in the 100 (11.20).

Both the Bison's relay team's earned third place finishes. Boyle, Perello, Kameron Schreffler '24 and Brandon Foust '25 ran the 4x100 with a 43.90. Foust, Alex Simpson '24, Colby Belczyk '25 and Brian Kennedy '22 ran the 4x400 with a 3:28.48.

Jim Taylor Invite

Several other Bison competed at the Jim Taylor Invite versus Susquehanna this past weekend. Colleen Linko '24 finished fifth in 400 (1:01.00). Abigail Dunne '23 finished third place in the 400m hurdles with a time of 1:08.31.

For the men at the Jim Taylor Invite, Jeffrey Gibbs '24 earned fifth place in the 3000m steeplechase (9:58.01). John Calisi '23 placed sixth in the hammer throw (162-0).

The Orange and Blue men and women will be back in action at the Colonial Relays at William & Mary this coming weekend in Williamsburg, Va.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

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"everyone was really hyped up going into the game and determined to get [their] first Patriot League win!" She added that the team needs "to keep this momentum going as they face Colgate. It is a huge game, but [she] is

confident that with the team's performance this weekend and these next few practices, the team will have a great win on Wednesday night."

The Bison will return to Graham Field for a mid-week

match-up against Colgate on Wednesday March 30 at 5 p.m., followed by an away game at Lehigh on Saturday April 2, in a 12 p.m. face-off.

Men's lacrosse secures first Patriot League win

Holly Burns

Sports Co-Editor

The Bison men's lacrosse team secured a huge 14-6 Patriot League victory against the Colgate Raiders this past weekend. First-year goalie Rich O'Halloran '25 earned Patriot League weekly honors and Bison of the Week honors for this 14-save performance that was pivotal to the Orange and Blue win.

The Bison came out strong offensively, and were able to secure an 8-2 advantage in the first half alone. The Orange and Blue were able to go on a five goal unanswered run across the first and second quarters. Dutch Furlong '24 and team-leading scorer Connor Davis '25 each recorded three points on the night. Davis already has

35 goals this season, and is only three goals away from the Bison's single-season top 10.

Beyond Davis and Furlong, Harry Wellford '22 added two goals and an assist, Jack Feda '23 netted two goals and Nick Crovatto '22 tallied one goal and one assist. Crovatto also went 12-for-23 in the face-offs and collected nine ground balls.

"As a team we were excited to avenge our one goal loss from last year by beating Colgate on our home turf. We have been able to stay undefeated at home so far this year and look forward to battling nationally ranked Army on Saturday at Christy," Feda said.

In addition to a strong offense, the Orange and Blue defense also posted a strong

performance. This game marked the first time the Bison held Colgate to six or less goals since 2011, in the Patriot League Championship game.

Captain Travis Talarico '22 led the defense with two caused turnovers and four ground balls. Frankie Higgins '22 also posted a strong performance with three caused turnovers and two ground balls. Danny Striano '23 recorded seven ground balls.

The Bison now stand at 7-2 on the season, and 1-2 in Patriot League play. Men's lacrosse hopes to improve upon their Patriot League record this weekend with a home game against No. 16 Army West Point at 1 p.m. at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium.



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Softball ends weekend 1-2 to Holy Cross

Charlotte Dursee

Senior Writer

In a three-game series this past weekend against Holy Cross, the Bison were able to finish 1-2 with a shutout win. The Bison improved their record 4-22 overall 1-2 and in Patriot League play.

The Bison opened up the series Saturday, Mar. 26 at home. The team, unfortunately, lost both games that afternoon 2-1 and 1-0.

Holy Cross was able to score in their first at-bat of the game. The Bison responded with a single from Elena Horn '25 and a bunt from Nicole Rivait '22. However, the Crusaders were able to make back-to-back outs to prevent the Bison from scoring.

Zoie Smith '24 had two hits in the first game, one of which was able to bring Horn home to score and tie the game at 1-1. In the same play, Rivait also tried coming home but was called out. An inning later, Holy Cross had three hits that brought in one runner, putting them up 2-1. The Bison were unable to respond this time.

Kelly Toomey '22 threw a complete game, consisting of an impressive eight strikeouts, and only gave up six hits.

The second game was also low-scoring due to impressive efforts from the defensive side. The only run scored was the result of an obstruction at the plate in favor of the Crusaders. Holy Cross singled left in the top of the fifth, with two outs. Ava Aguilar '25 made the play home where the runner was originally called out. But Smith was called for obstruction by the umpires and the Crusaders earned the run.

Olivia Marinelli '23 also threw a complete game with three strikeouts and only allowing six hits.

Sunday morning the Bison dominated Becker Field. They came out explosive in the first inning with six hits and seven runs. Madison Roukey '25 pitched the entire game and earned her first career shutout. She had three strikeouts, zero walks and only gave out five hits.

"I think we were a whole different team going into Sunday's game after Saturday's losses. We approached the game with a different sense of confidence, rather than any sort of doubt due to the prior day," Horn said.

Six different players got hits in Sunday's game, including Horn, Mackenzie Hilling '25 and Smith, who had multiple hits. The Bison tallied four doubles out of their nine hits of the game. "We knew no one needed to hit the game-winning hit or score all the runs. We all trusted each other at the plate, and the main goal was just to pass the bat," Horn said.

Holy Cross had their first hit in the top of the second inning but were hitless until the fourth. The initial 7-0 lead gave the Bison a comfortable lead that they were able to increase in the bottom of the fourth to 8-0, enough to secure the victory.

The Bison look to get back on the field Tuesday at 6 p.m. when they will play Penn State at State College.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Tim Zelikovsky '24

Profile

Sport

Tennis

Hometown

Thornhill, Ontario

High School

Langstaff

Secondary School



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Clara McCormick

Senior Writer

Sophomore tennis star Tim Zelikovsky '24 has had quite the winning streak for the men's tennis team these past few weeks. In fact, he was named the Patriot League Men's Tennis Player of the Week on March 8. He received this accolade for winning his sixth straight singles match against Dartmouth college. This victory was the only one the Bison secured that day. In total, Zelikovsky has a 15-7 record on the season and a 9-4 record in doubles play. Zelikovsky and his doubles partner Harrison Gold '24 had a five-match winning streak prior to the Dartmouth match.

In the Patriot League opener that occurred on March 19 against Army, Zelikovsky struck again, winning both his singles and doubles matches. The singles match was only two sets, with a final score of 6-3, 6-4. The sophomore has proven that the overall record the team has does not reflect his playing ability. The next Patriot League matches will occur this Friday and Sunday against the Colgate Raiders and Boston University Terriers. While in his rookie campaign the Bison did not compete against Boston, Zelikovsky had no problem defeating the Raiders in both instances he faced them - including the Patriot League Quarterfinal match.

Regarding his performance thus far this season, the Bison starter certainly knows his worth. "I've been able to secure consistent singles wins at the No. 4 spot, and Harrison Gold and I have had some great

doubles wins as well."

"The energy I output in my matches is unmatched," Zelikovsky added, "which I believe greatly contributes to my recent success."

Zelikovsky has high hopes for his team, and is proud to be a Bison. "I'm very proud of my team and our efforts to support each other on and off the court. The energy we share on the court is electric," Zelikovsky said, "and all of us love competing and winning as Bison. As we get into the prime of our season and play Patriot League matches, we all have a common goal in mind, which is to take the Patriot League title home."

Zelikovsky and the Bison have eight more matches to compete until the Patriot League tournament begins. The team is lucky to have such a consistent player with a positive attitude and yearning to win.

But as Zelikovsky himself said, "[t]he job is not finished until we secure the semi-finals in the Patriot League and make history for Bucknell men's tennis."

Career Stats

19-11 singles record

14 doubles wins

6-3 doubles record on court 1

Women's Rowing Make Spring Debut

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The women's rowing team opened their spring season this past weekend at the Doc Hosea Invitational in Cherry Hill, N.J. All three boats competed in the preliminary rounds, but unfortunately, the finals were canceled due to inclement weather.

The Varsity Eight consisted of the Bucknellian's very own Juliette Gaggini '24 and Natalie Kreusch '22, Erin Sullivan '22, Maddie Wickers '23, Hayden Groves '25, Kona Glenn '25, Caroline Brandt '23, Elizabeth Berlinger '23 and Kate Meerscheidt '22. The team finished with the 11th best time out of the 18 overall teams competing with a time of 6:47.70.

The Second Varsity Eight finished third in the prelims with a time of 7:01.87. The team was made up of Ollie McDonald '25,

Georgia Lambrakis '23, Chloe Segal '23, Amanda Pennett '24, Alina Kelly '25, Christina DeMola '23, Caroline Keating '22, Jess Volcheck '22 and Annabelle Kaeli '24.

The Bison's third and final boat, the Third Varsity Eight finished second in its heat and posted a time of 7:11.70 which would've been good enough to make the Grand Finals. The boat was staffed by Ava Rysman '23, Abby Gerst '24, Millie Malloy '23, Abby Malek '24, Maddy Davis '25, Haley Beardsley '24, Isa Fassio-Bazzi '25, Dehlia Rotchford '24 and Elliana Steely '25.

The Bison will be back on the Susquehanna River next Saturday, April 2. They will be competing against Boston College, North Carolina and George Washington.

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An Unlikely Underdog

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This March, a large portion of the country watched their brackets get ruined after a slew of upsets took over the tournament. Big losses occurred over the first three rounds, with tournament favorites like Gonzaga, Baylor, Alabama and Wisconsin being knocked out by the elite eight. One team, however, stood out amongst most. The Saint Peter's Basketball team went on a three-game run in the tournament to become the farthest reaching No. 15 seed in history. The largely-commuter school from New Jersey stunned the nation after defeating No. 2 seed Kentucky in the first round, breaking brackets and

obtaining a huge amount of media attention. The team didn't stop there either, winning their next two games over No. 7 seed Murray State before defeating No. 3 seed Purdue.

The team was overlooked by many. A small school of just 2,600 undergraduates, majority commuters and almost all who received some sort of financial aid, was not what the NCAA nor the country expected when looking at the updated bracket in the elite eight. A relatively unknown university transforming themselves into one of the most talked about schools in the nation is surely a feat.

What's even more impressive in the grand scheme of the NCAA is the financial disparity

between Saint Peter's budget and the team they faced against. Saint Peter's first opponent Kentucky spent approximately \$130 million more on athletics than the Peacocks did. The school's operating budget is, startlingly, less than \$250,000. This also falls around Saint Peter's head coach Shaheen Holloway's salary of about \$266,000. John Calipari, head coach of Kentucky, is one of the highest paid coaches in the NCAA with his salary rounding out to about \$8 million.

As many know, the team was not invincible, falling to the University of North Carolina 69-49 and ending the Peacocks tournament career. But the team has garnered a large

amount of support from the country after their winning streak, with their popularity soaring amongst media outlets and across many social media platforms.

What does their winning streak mean for the future? Two things. First, the MAAC conference is expected to receive about \$6 million for the Peacocks' success. How the money will be distributed between the teams in the conference is up in the air, despite Saint Peter's being responsible for the money in the first place. Second, a coaching change might be in place. Holloway is expected to take the open Seton Hall head coaching position, which would result in a

raise almost 10x more than his current salary. Many think whether or not he will take it is a no brainer, however the coach has declined to make statements currently, stating he cared more about his team post UNC loss.

Wherever the coach ends up, or however the money is distributed, the 2022 Saint Peter's basketball team made history.

A bracket-defying run, the team managed to upset some of the best schools in the country, and became the first No. 15 seed to make it past the sweet 16. It will be interesting to see if the team can put themselves back on the board next year and maintain a place in the country's heart.

The bison baseball team has a successful weekend in Lewisburg

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The Orange and Blue baseball team won their first two games of the weekend at home in Lewisburg. They achieved two Patriot League game wins against Army on Saturday, winning 7-3 and 5-3. They improved their record to 5-1 in Patriot League play, moving to first place in the standings.

In the first game of the weekend, the Bison won 7-3. The Orange and Blue went up 2-0 in the first inning, with Chris

Cannizzaro '22 and Jacob Corson '24 getting singles. Mason Kelly '23 was able to get a hit, driving Cannizzaro home. Army had two runs in the second, tying the game 2-2.

The Orange and Blue had a terrific sixth inning, scoring five runs from previously being down 3-2. Kyle Lyons '23 had a two-RBI triple, contributing to this comeback inning.

Preseason Player of the Year Cannizzaro also contributed

greatly in this inning, having an RBI double. Pitchers Will Greer '22 and Andrew Funovits '22 had great days on the mound, with Greer moving to 3-0 in the season.

Lyons was the all star of the day, going 3-3 at the plate, alongside Cannizzaro adding two hits and scoring two runs.

In the second game of the day, the Bison beat Army 5-3. Kendall Pierson '22 had three hits, alongside excellent pitching by

Tyler O'Neill '25.

The Orange and Blue started the game off strong, scoring the first five runs in the first three innings. Corson contributed by tripling down the right field line, bringing Cannizzaro home to start the game.

Pierson had a fantastic day scoring an in-the-park home run to bring Brendan Lowrey '22 and Tyler Dunn '25 home to contribute to the 5-0 lead.

Lowrey spoke on the team's

success explaining "we played well all weekend. We emphasize good pitching and clean defense and that's what really allowed us to win. Offensively, we know that we are dangerous and we showed that in all four games. When pitching, defense, and offense are clicking like this past weekend, we are hard to beat."

O'Neill had a fantastic debut on Depew, only allowing one hit in the first six innings. Pierson led the day for the Bison, going 3 for 4 at the plate.

The Bison split the series with Holy Cross on their second day of play of the weekend, winning 6-1 and losing to 7-6.

With these two games, the Orange and Blue go to an overall record of 6-2 in Patriot League play. In the first game on Sunday, the Bison took a 3-0 lead. Corson loaded the bases for the Bison, and Dunn cleared them to score the first three runs of the game.

Pitcher Austin Odell '22 started for the Bison, only allowing one run to come in. Lowrey had the first hit in the sixth inning, contributing to the Bison scoring two runs. The Bison had three singles in this inning from Lyons, Anthony Sherwin '24, and Grant Voytovich '24. The Bison had eight hits throughout the game, contributing to their 6-1 win over Holy Cross.

In the Bison's second game of the day, they lost to Holy Cross 7-6. The Orange and Blue went down 7-1 early in the game, but the Bison cut the lead 7-4 in the seventh. Jake Wortman '23, Kelly and Sherwin each singled in the eighth, making the score 7-6.

Wortman talks about the weekend, "We had a lot of great team wins this weekend. Coming back late in the game against Army really fueled us for the rest of the weekend. We are really looking forward to the rest of our Patriot League play in the upcoming weeks."

The Bison scored again in the ninth, but ultimately could not take the lead from the Crusaders.

The Orange and Blue look forward to continuing successful Patriot League play against Lafayette and Lehigh this coming weekend.

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Putin's diplomacy proves uniquely challenging

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Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to escalate as Russian troops take over many key cities across the country. According to the Council on Foreign Relations, "Russia's assault on Ukraine could create as many as seven million refugees." While the international community has responded by placing sanctions on Russian goods and blocking Russian exports, Russia's military might pose a unique barrier to resolution and de-escalation. Ultimately, this conflict unveils a changing international landscape that requires diplomatic re-imagination. As a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, Russia has been able to use its veto power to block multinational cooperation intended to stop Russian aggression. For example, in late February, a resolution to condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine and mandate immediate removal of Russian troops from Ukrainian soil was largely supported, with 11 of the 15 Security Council members voting in favor of the measure. Russia blocked it with a simple veto. While prominent leaders have attempted to negotiate with Russian ambassadors in an attempt to stave off Russian attacks, it is clear that their

efforts have not been effective, as the region has now devolved into full-fledged war. Emmanuel Macron, president of France, has been one of the most active leaders when it comes to attempted peace negotiations. Macron recently discussed why he believes European leaders should be more diligent about their approaches to negotiation with Russia. The New York Times recalled his comments: "It is Europeans, not Americans, who 'live beside Russia,' and so 'we need a defense policy and we need to define a security architecture for ourselves and not delegate that task.'" While Macron's comments make sense in terms of geographical proximity, it is unclear if France's and other European countries' approaches to talks with the Kremlin are effective, necessitating intervention from the U.S. government. Putin is a leader that turns traditional diplomatic approaches on their head. As a former KGB officer, he is extremely persuasive and knows how to get what he wants out of negotiations. When it comes to talks with Ukraine, Putin is taking a hard-line stance. The possibility of Ukraine joining the EU or NATO is seen as a threat to Putin's agenda, and right now, he is willing to do whatever it takes to prevent these two possibilities from becoming a reality.

I talked to Courtney Burns, Assistant Professor of Political Science, for input on the situation unfolding. Dr. Burns emphasized that the war in Ukraine is, in part, a means to an end in Putin's eyes to reinstate the Soviet Union to its former glory. "Ultimately, I think Putin's personality and vision for Russia are two unique barriers to diplomacy in this situation. And I think the most successful diplomatic strategy would be one where Putin will, in essence, save face internationally," Burns said. I asked Dr. Burns what approaches to diplomacy she would anticipate to be successful. She explained, "right now, there isn't a lot of overlap in the demands on each side and neither really wants to be the first to budge. In particular, the issue of state sovereignty of Ukraine is a high salience issue. This means they are willing to fight a lot harder on this issue than if it was something with low salience. Where we might see diplomacy become easier is if the Russian military continues to struggle to defeat Ukrainian forces," Dr. Burns said. Ultimately, the war in Ukraine and failed peace negotiations reveal a limitation in the current approaches to diplomacy. Putin's expansionary goals are incongruous with most leaders' priorities, making it difficult for them to find common ground.

The Oscars Were a Slap in the Face

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The Oscars are, at least in principle, a glamorous and dignified night in Hollywood where the most respected and distinguished films, actors and movie workers can be honored for all of the world to view live. That, and also celebrities occasionally slap each other, apparently. If you've talked to anyone at all this past week, chances are you've conversed about actor Will Smith slapping comedian Chris Rock. The slap came after Rock made a joke about Smith's wife Jada Pinkett Smith and her baldness, relating her to the film G.I. Jane. Pinkett Smith has alopecia, an autoimmune disorder that causes your hair to fall out. Smith, after the slap and cursing out Rock for the joke, went on to win Best Actor later that night. Now, this event's ridiculousness has sparked a social media frenzy that has absolutely stormed the internet. Despite the amount of attention it is getting, the slap shouldn't distract from the absolutely abysmal ceremony that took place surrounding the slap. The Oscars have lost nearly all of their dignity following this year, and should seriously seek to reevaluate how they handle themselves. One aspect of this year's ceremony that really fell flat in a lot of places were the new fan voted categories they created. In theory, this sounded like a good idea — highlighting films that might not have typically been nominated for the elitist gate-kept categories like Best Picture. However, it was a strange decision to include films that didn't occur this past year. Making this a fan vote also was a recipe for disaster, which was demonstrated by the fact that "Army of the Dead" won Oscars Fan Favorite and Zack Snyder's "Justice League" won the Cheer Award for the Flash entering the speed force. I think I can say pretty reasonably that these are

terrible representations of what a "fan pick" might be, and clearly was misrepresented due to the poor voting system they had in place for the categories. From a night of historic wins with Ariana DeBose being the first queer woman of color to win an acting Oscar, and Troy Kotsur becoming the first deaf man to win an acting Oscar, it was extremely disappointing to see other categories like the Fan Favorites and how they were represented. On top of the awards themselves, the comedy from the hosts and presenters did not land very well. Whether it was Regina Hall doing a five minute long joke about "COVID testing" attractive men in the audience which was in poor taste, or when the presenters for best animated feature made a mockery of the whole medium by reducing it as being "made for kids." Of course, the audience as a whole continued to push on and laugh and cheer for every Hollywood elite that stepped on that stage, even after some of these elites assaulted another on stage. The slap itself seems very representative of what the Oscars had to offer this year. No matter whose side you may be on or what you feel about the backlash, there's no denying that something or someone is in the wrong. That sounds like a summary of the Oscars 2022 to me. Of course it's hard to be surprised, but it's also easy to be disappointed. This past year had so many great films that deserved to be celebrated and cherished, but instead the only thing any of us will be able to think about is the absurdity of the slap. The Oscars have been and continue to remain pointless to me as a viewer, and clearly they are meant to be that way. The best thing to do at this point is just move past it, and enjoy the movies that you enjoy, and celebrate those who helped to make it. And keep that award show's name out of your f*cking mouth!

(don't say gay)

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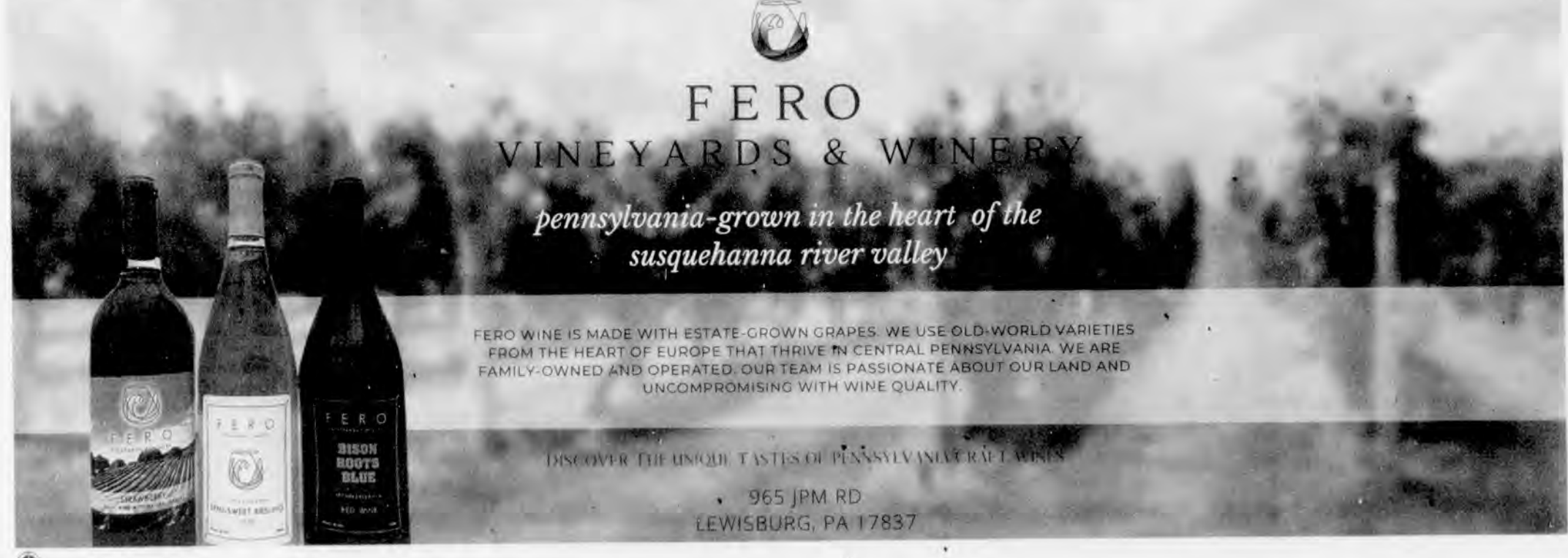
On Monday, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed HB 1557, formerly known as the Parental Rights in Education Bill and colloquially referred to as the "Don't Say Gay" bill. The path towards the policy's passage was one fraught with controversy and condemnation across the country, most notably from Florida students that staged walkouts, demonstrations and made efforts to pack committee rooms and statehouse halls - while chanting "We say gay!" Yet the efforts of dissenting voices were ultimately fruitless. The final version of the bill proclaims a prohibition on "classroom discussion about sexual orientation or gender identity in certain grade levels." An earlier iteration contained a significant amendment, stipulating that teachers were required to "out" LGBTQ students within six weeks. Though such an amendment has been removed - and despite the insistence of some supporters that this is a reasonable measure to protect children - much of the rhetoric has been deeply concerning. DeSantis' press secretary referred to the policy as an "Anti-Grooming Bill," drawing a ludicrous connection between queerness and perversion. Such a title for the policy implies that educators seeking to teach students about the innate complexities found within gender and sexuality are actually seeking personal

gratification out of the topics shared with younger students. This is toxic rhetoric that harkens back to 1970s dog-whistling tactics such as the "gays recruit" myth; the passage of legislation protecting the LGBTQ community is senselessly recast as protecting sexual predators or groomers from legal consequence. Such stances also imply that a growing understanding of the LGBTQ community will lead younger minds to distance themselves from their (likely-heteronormative) upbringing. But this sentiment betrays a gross misunderstanding of gender and sexuality, insisting that it is all simply a foolish choice rather than a realization of who one truly is. Yet, even if one were to mistakenly believe that LGBTQ identities are ones that a person can choose as simply as choosing to wear a coat to fit the weather, it is clear that many proponents of these restrictive bills find that this "choice" is the wrong one. It is also telling that the bill itself was once regarded as the Parental Rights in Education Bill, which brings the focus away from the students in need of a holistic education and instead onto parents that might be unwilling to allow their children to stray from more "traditional" perspectives and values. These "parental rights" bills, not dissimilar to those most prominently argued for in regards to the overblown uproar over critical race theory, often attempt to

regress key educational advancements in favor of more comfortable and palatable traditional curricula. Just as parents wished to ensure that there were few to no race-based discussions within class, there is a deflating aversion to any conversation on the presence of the LGBTQ community. The truth is that the limitation of discussions on gender and sexuality cannot succeed in preventing some students from being who they innately are. But it will likely establish a more isolating experience on their potential path towards self-understanding, invariably stigmatizing anything outside of normative identities. There are perhaps no years more formative in a child's education than their earliest grades; an environment that both acknowledges and accepts the reality of other genders and sexualities should not be perceived as abhorrent, but as an important step towards the broader celebration of the LGBTQ community. Though DeSantis has rejected the policy being referred to as the "Don't Say Gay" bill, he criticized that name in its most literal sense, soon after acknowledging that it would ban any discussion on sexual orientation and gender discussion from kindergarten to the third grade. "We're going to make sure that parents are able to send their kid to kindergarten without having some of this stuff injected into their school curriculum," DeSantis said, insinuating that

these types of conversations are arbitrarily forced into the conversation to the detriment of education. To ban these discussions is to prevent a possible "injection" of this ideology into the minds of younger students. When DeSantis says "We will make sure that parents can send their kids to school to get an education, not an indoctrination," he is again employing dog-whistle tactics by arguing that an LGBTQ+ identity is taught instead of discovered for oneself. A greater understanding of identity goes far beyond the limited framework employed by proponents of the bill, but supporters have utilized bad-faith arguments to blemish potential discussions found within classrooms. The presence of LGBTQ discussions will not mean more, as DeSantis referred to it, "sexual instruction." It speaks to the manner in which the bill's proponents regard LGBTQ identities that they will conduct conversations on the subject through a "sexual" lens. While some that support the bill, like DeSantis, might never go so far as to outwardly condemn the LGBTQ community - though plenty will blatantly vilify the marginalized community without compunction - bills such as the one passed in Florida make it more difficult for children to parse their identity and personhood. While HB 1557 is among the most recent bills designed around LGBTQ restrictions, the past few

years have presented numerous counterparts across the country. In 2018, Ohio lawmakers debated over a bill in which teachers would be forced to publicly identify their transgender students. This year in Arizona, a proposed bill prevented teachers from withholding information concerning the gender identities of students or their requests to transition to a gender other than their biological sex. The efforts in Florida are not novel; it is part of a broader conservative effort to regress the slow strides of progress made across the country that have achieved greater inclusivity for marginalized groups. No, HB 1557 does not literally prevent people within schools from saying the word "gay." But through the inhibition of potentially critical discussions, policies such as the one passed this week succeed only in placating parents fearful of moving beyond their limited and traditional worldviews - who think that discussions about identity are poisonous and infect young minds. This is not progress. It's a course correction for those frustrated with a broader acceptance of marginalized persons they have chosen to not recognize as equally deserving of the same experience as those that adhere to normative identities.



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Undeclared students and the College Core Curriculum

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In less than a week, class registration will begin for all returning students. It is at this time that the undeclared among us begin to quake at the semesterly reminder that we still don't know what we're majoring in. Students who apply undeclared are told over and over again not to worry; that there is plenty of time to figure out a major interest and a career path. In fact the University, as a liberal arts institution, almost markets itself towards students who may not have a clear idea yet. Since it requires a variety of courses outside your major, and discourages hyper-focusing, it seems like the ideal place for students coming in without their minds made up.

In reality, this is not ideal for students struggling to pinpoint their major focus. Discouraging focusing early means that students who left high school not yet knowing what they wanted to do are still scrambling for ideas two years later when they must decide. The University needs to do more to help its undeclared students find a viable major and career path. It seems to be more focused on appearing to be an ideal liberal arts institution creating well-rounded academics than on giving students practical assistance in figuring out what they should do.

This is most clearly seen in the College Core Curriculum, which is the checklist of required classes that are unrelated to your chosen major. The reasoning is that by engaging with "a diverse selection of courses that teach them multiple disciplinary skills," students will "be better for any profession or intellectual task ahead." Students are instructed to take these classes as soon as possible. The website states, "we encourage you to take them early—not because this will 'get them out of the way,' but because it will

introduce you to a range of skills and disciplinary approaches that you might never have encountered before." The goals of the College Core Curriculum — to create academically diverse students who have skills in many different areas — may seem laudable. But the reality is that this program, rather than providing students with a well-rounded education, distracts the students without a clear idea of what they want to do from finding a major soon enough.

Since students are encouraged to fill these requirements as soon as possible, they spend their first few semesters taking classes in order to check the boxes. These are often introductory level courses that skim the nitty gritty of the discipline, so students do not get a clear idea of what it would mean to study this subject. And because students' schedules are so crowded by their CCC requirements, students often can't get into, or don't have time for, the classes for the majors they might be interested in. This leads to indecision as well as impractical commitments. A student may be interested in a class they take their first semester, decide that is what they would like to major in, and then never take another class in that subject until they have already committed. They have no idea what this major will mean for them, because they have had so little real exposure to it.

Undeclared students have been left high and dry by the school's requirements for academic diversity. If the University wants well rounded students, it must also provide those without a plan coming in with resources to figure out a focus that will be best for them, instead of distracting them with required courses unrelated to their academic goals.

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Content Warning: This article discusses a psychedelic substance in depth.

So, you want to talk about mushrooms. To preface, we aren't talking about the type of mushrooms that you cook with. Rather, we are analyzing Psilocybin mushrooms, a psychedelic drug commonly referred to as shrooms and magic mushrooms. When mentioning this substance, many are already equipped with the schema that shrooms are drugs that cause hallucinations and an impaired perception of reality. The word "trip" is used as an umbrella term to describe the altered perceptions one undergoes when taking the drug.

Magic mushrooms are notoriously classified as a recreational drug, meaning that it is used for leisure purposes rather than medicinal. Due to this reputation of pure recreation, many have never urged for its legalization. However, with the recent rise in popularity in shroom micro-dosing for mental health purposes, curiosity surrounding the substance has increased substantially. Micro-dosing refers to taking such a tiny amount that no hallucinations occur. In other words, taking the drug does not alter one's state of consciousness. Those who engage in micro-dosing practices report having an increased ability to focus, alleviating symptoms of depression, anxiety and PTSD, while also achieving a state of increasing positivity and creativity.

The emergence of information regarding how micro-dosing can play a vital role in the treatment of various mental health conditions is quite revolutionary.

Thus, it is probable to suggest that there should be increased funding towards research of psilocybin mushrooms in order to learn how the drug can be of assistance in mental health treatment. It's reasonable to conclude that the increasing research of other drugs, such as marijuana, commonly viewed as purely recreational has led many to wonder about the effects of substances in other drug classes.

Currently, the legality status of magic mushrooms is quite consistent across the United States, meaning that most states have deemed the possession of the substance as illegal. However, the passage of The Public Health Benefits of Psilocybin Act (HB 1959) would fund research into the use of psilocybin for mental health conditions.

Julianne Keu shared her experience with micro-dosing in her YouTube video titled "Microdosing Magic Mushrooms (Psilocybin)-My Story." Keu addressed in her video that she has used various medications to treat her PTSD (complex post-traumatic stress disorder), however, none of them aided her condition the way that shrooms did. She noted that she noticed the positive benefits of micro-dosing almost immediately. Specifically, Keu attributed shrooms to helping her gain a sense of the world around her and to figuring out feasible solutions to problems. Also, she noticed that her social anxiety began to dissipate and her general energy level began to increase. Keu also strongly emphasized in her video that micro-dosing is not a technique that works for everyone, so it is wise to micro-dose under the

supervision of a medical team. It is the experiences of micro-dosers that truly exhibit the medicinal components of magic mushrooms.

I am advocating for the increased allocation of funds to studying magic mushrooms so we, as an educated society, can gain a firm understanding of this drug and its effects (both positive and negative). The psychedelic properties of this drug can lead to one experiencing a bad trip, which entails that the hallucinations one undergoes are fearful and there is an increased frequency of unpleasant thoughts and anxieties. Oftentimes, this is most likely to occur when one takes an improper dose of shrooms whilst being in a bad mental place or setting. Equipped with this knowledge, it is extremely important to consult your doctor before micro-dosing to ensure that your experience is beneficial rather than harmful. Working with a Therapeutic Psychedelic Experience center can allow professionals to assist in monitoring your medicinal journey with psychedelics. For instance, in Pennsylvania, the Psychedelic Passage institutions offer five week long programs that coach you in commencing the process of psychedelic journeying.

Modern medicine is constantly evolving, thus, it is vital that funds are allocated into researching the effects of substances and if they have the potential to aid health conditions that are a constant threat to humanity.

Bucknell Lifts Mask Mandate This Week

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On March 10, 2021, President John C. Bravman sent out a university-wide email regarding the new masking guidelines around campus. In the email, Bravman wrote "Bucknell has been guided by the recommendations of the CDC, which recently relaxed indoor masking guidelines for people living in areas of low or medium risk for COVID-19. While Union County is currently considered high risk, it is our hope that this will change soon as cases of COVID-19 continue to decrease." He then stated that the University would update its masking guidelines starting March 26, should Union County fall within the low to medium risk range for contracting COVID-19. As of this article, Union County now stands

at a medium risk, therefore putting the president's new masking guidelines into practice.

I believe that this was a rational and well thought out policy put out by the president. While circumstances might vary from person to person, trusting the Center for Disease Control's guidelines was the safest and most effective way to go about implementing new masking guidelines. According to the CDC, if a county falls in the medium level, which Union County does, then "People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask." Thus, President Bravman's new guidelines fall directly into these guidelines, meaning that this new policy should be carried out safely and effectively.

One other change that the new policy caused was the

implementation of QR codes around campus that students can scan to check on current COVID-19 guidelines. This is both safe and effective in numerous ways. For example, it gives students who might not know how to access this information easy access to it. If someone is confused about the new guidelines, all they need to do is pull out their phone and scan a QR code to get the answers they need.

One of the most important aspects of the new guidelines is that, even though masks are no longer required at indoor spaces, they still remain an option for those that choose to wear one. In his email, the president wrote, "I want to stress that no matter which guidelines are in place, everyone retains the personal choice to mask, in any situation on campus — or, in my opinion, anywhere. Many members of our

community will want or need to continue to wear masks. We expect that they will be treated with the utmost respect. If you are more comfortable continuing to wear a mask in public spaces at Bucknell, by all means continue to do so." It is important that we maintain respect and dignity across campus, even if someone makes different choices than you. While I will continue to wear my mask in most indoor spaces, I have no disrespect or hard feelings towards those who do not. One choice does not constitute a person's entire being, beliefs or attitudes. We must remain empathetic towards one another in these uncertain times; you never know what anyone is going through, and creating friction between each other will get us nowhere.



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Juliana Rodrigues, Staff Writer

With involvement from close to forty percent of all University students and around fifty percent of those eligible—sophomores, juniors and seniors—the Greek Life community has consistently made its presence known at the University. With seven recognized fraternities, and nine sororities, six of the fraternities are affiliated nationally with the North American Interfraternity Conference and seven of the sororities have affiliation with the National Panhellenic Conference. Other Greek organizations on campus are affiliated with the Multicultural Greek organization and the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

While events and philanthropy of individual chapters are typically at the forefront of Greek Life discussions, the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils (IFC) work tirelessly behind the scenes. With the planning of many large events including recruitment, and ensuring that all chapters are always in line with set rules and regulations, Panhel and IFC are crucial for the continuing success of Greek Life at the University.

Each year IFC and Panhel collaborate together in the planning of Greek Week. Greek Week is a time in which every chapter and its members get to showcase their dedication to being involved in Greek Life and participating in events that serve our University and community. The winner of the 2022 Greek Week will be announced at the conclusion of the week and the winning chapter is awarded free transportation or food for any event up to \$1,000.

On the 2022 Panhellenic Council currently sits eight women each with set roles for their term from December of 2021 until December of 2022. Eleanor Geno '23 is the current President, Amanda Mangano '24 is Vice President of Community Standards, Noelle Nezoslosky '23 is Vice President of Recruitment, Hannah Egan '24 is Vice President of Public Relations and Recruitment Counselors, Tori Casquarelli '24 is Vice President of Philanthropy, Jackie Silvers '23 is Vice President of Programming, Noelia Vargas '24 as Vice President of Education, Activism, and Advocacy and myself, Juliana Rodrigues '24, as Vice President of Administration.

For me being a part of the Panhel Council has been such a rewarding experience. Getting to make real connections with women in other sororities and participating in all the events that members of the council work so hard to plan. Panhel has definitely enhanced my experience being a part of Greek Life and I can only hope that for the remainder of our terms we continue to work to make University Greek Life better.

Each woman is affiliated with a chapter on campus and also sets aside time each week to dedicate to their Panhellenic duties. Thus far the council has already been successful with the planning of many events. The Vice President of Philanthropy set up participation from Greek Life at the Lewisburg Polar Bear Plunge, organized a yoga class for Be Kind month and is always making service opportunities on campus and in the community known. Vice President of Recruitment has already begun the planning of recruitment for the fall but has also held interest sessions for first-year potential new members (PNMS), and worked to plan a Meet the Greeks event. Vice President of Public Relations and Recruitment Counselors is constantly keeping the Panhel Instagram up to date and just recently completed the selection of recruitment counselors for the fall. The Vice President of Programming in combination with the IFC Vice President of Programming worked to plan Greek Week that went on this past week beginning on March 27. The week featured various events including trivia, a guest speaker, kickball, penny wars, a canned food drive and more. Vice President of Education, Activism, and Advocacy has worked with Transitions of Lewisburg and other organizations on campus to plan events this semester and is also always working to encourage participation at diversity events we can find on campus. Vice President of Community Standards heads the judicial board with members from all chapters and is in charge of their organization and training. While this is just a small glimpse into the role of Panhel in the Greek community, there are various more activities and administrative duties they carry out each week.

Geno as President of the Panhellenic council holds the most responsibility and without doubt the busiest schedule. Having held the role of Vice President of Community Standards on the 2021 Panhellenic Council she has vast experience of being involved in both a chapter on campus and Panhel. When asked about her experience on Panhel she shared, "My experience on Panhel these past two years has been extremely fulfilling. I have had the opportunity to meet so many different women across multiple organizations, and have been able to work on building bridges between our different chapters. I still think there is a lot of work to be done in terms of rectifying the history of many of our chapters, but I have found that an increasing number of people are willing to begin having these conversations even if we still have a long way to go." She continued, "My goal for the remainder of my time on Panhel centers largely around encouraging each chapter to be the best version of itself it can be. Whether this is becoming more involved in philanthropy, educating themselves on our campus and national climate or engaging more with other organizations, I want to help each chapter reach its fullest potential and leave it in a better position for those who come after us." She also discussed Greek Life in general, "One of my hopes and goals for the rest of Greek life is to increase our fraternal relationships. I have found a lot of the time that people tend to become absorbed in their own chapters, and they forget about other Greek organizations on campus. I think that unity and support of one another are some of the pillars of Greek life, and that is something I really hope chapters will start to recognize and work on," Geno said.

Casquarelli took time to share her experiences on Panhel, "Being on Panhel has helped me become involved in Greek Life through ways beyond my own chapter. Getting to see and appreciate all the planning and discussions that go into keeping Greek life running has led me to develop an even greater appreciation for all the individuals that make up the community. On top of this, I have been so lucky to develop relationships with the rest of the Panhel exec members and am really going to miss our Monday exec meetings!" Casquarelli said.



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Dora Kreitzer
Assistant News Editor

Complete chaos ensued as Canoe Battleship took over at the Kinney Natatorium. Sponsored by both CORE and OEL, canoes of four to five competitors filled the "battle waters" and attempted to sink the other boats until only one was left floating. This year's winners were Mathew Zilberman '25, Erica Weiss '23, Brandon Burkett '23 and Eva Crisafulli '24.

Canoe Battleship is set up in a tournament style where up to five teams are competing at a time in one quadrant of the pool to fill up other canoes while also protecting their own. Each round lasts a maximum of 10 minutes. The top two teams from each quadrant then move to the next round and quadrants are slowly consolidated until only one team remains.

Before the battles began, there was a buzz of excitement as teams anxiously awaited hearing their wristband colors

called and being able to get in the water. The first team in the pool was so excited that they tipped entirely on their own, before another boat was even loaded and sent in.

For first-year students and for those who did not experience Canoe Battleship because of COVID-19, competing was both exciting and nerve wracking.

"I'm feeling really excited and also nervous... this is my first time doing this and it is so much fun," Serena Porte '25 said.

"I'm a little nervous about Serena throwing water at nothing but that's alright. I feel like all of the people also make it a little nerve wracking because I really don't know how it is," Maya Hernandez '25, Portes's teammate said.

In competition, each member of the team is given the choice of a bucket, a Thermarest pad (to use as a shield) or a water gun. Some teams were really strategic with the use of their given items:

"So our strategy was, since there were four of us, we knew we wanted two buckets and two shields. Our people in the middle were going to be in the middle so we put Hannah and I on the ends on the buckets because we got that competitive nature. And then, whenever we were close to another boat, we just went hard with throwing the water," Grace Garvey '25, whose team advanced past the first round of competition, said.

But, tensions seemed a little high on others:

"We endured as best as we could. By the likes of Brendan Baganski and Gabriel King chucking bucket and bucket of water, we had to counterbalance. The way that we lost was via Parker Ashnault not being able to keep his limbs inside of the boat, not to name drop... There are no friends in Canoe Battleship, only enemies," Gabriel King '25 said, just moments after his canoe sank in the first round.

According to the winning team themselves, they didn't really have a strategy. While they did feel as though they had an advantage only having four people because the boat was easier to balance and lighter, they "just tried not to rock the boat and to stay out of the middle," Zilberman said.

Sticking to the outside was definitely a challenge, considering that teams could only use their objects or their hands as paddles to navigate. Volunteers from CORE and OEL swimming around the pool were constantly pushing canoes back into their original quadrants, though that did not stop teams from trying to sink boats they were not even competing against.

Competitors were also not allowed to stand in their boats, jump out into the water, physically contact members or equipment from other teams or empty water from their own boats into the pool or other

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The Celebration of the Arts and Sciences

Juliana Collins
News Co-Editor

The University is hosting its first ever College of Arts and Sciences week. The purpose of this week is to highlight the work of many students as well as the success of alumni. This week will include social events, networking opportunities and panels.

This week will begin on the evening of April 11 and end on April 15. Registration for the following events can be found on Handshake:

On Monday, there will be an ice cream social from 6-8 p.m. on the Academic Quad to start the week. On Tuesday, there will be two talks on the events going on in our world on the Science Quad and in the ELC forum. Wednesday there will be a talk with professors and faculty members on conducting research at the University.

Two talks will take place on Thursday ranging from networking and meeting alumni to hearing from seniors in the ELC. Additionally on Thursday, there will be a luncheon for Arts and Science students. Finally, there will be a performance in the Weis Center on Friday from Beyond Unison and Bison Girls as well as a conversation with graduate students.

The goal of this week is to allow college students to explore a diverse range of interests and academic fields. Arts and Sciences week will highlight the college and bring graduates back to campus to share their experiences.

Christian Melgar '23 is an executive intern for the College of Arts and Sciences

and is an Education and English Double major with a Public Policy minor. He shared his thoughts on the week-long events to help students dive deeper into what the College of Arts and Sciences offers, while enhancing their understanding of different career programs and fields related to their major.

"When I first came into my role as the Executive Intern for the College of Arts and Sciences, I found that students were not feeling connected to the college nor their major. Many students expressed concern that they felt like their major was not going to take them anywhere," Melgar said.

Based off of the past two years being affected by COVID-19, Melgar said he believes that the Arts and Sciences week is what students need to feel more connected to their fellow students and their professors.

"Deep down, I believed in the potential and mission of the College of Arts and Sciences, and where a degree from CAS could take students; I needed them to believe it too," he said. "I knew that it was not enough for just me to give our students this message, so I reached out to Bucknell Alumni from the college and asked if they too would help me launch this innovative project. They were on board in a heartbeat. I am mostly excited for our students to be able to connect with Bucknell CAS professors and alumni in a way that has never been done before here at Bucknell," Melgar said.

Dora Kreitzer
Assistant News Editor

The University's BizPitch annual startup business competition, with up to \$7,000 in prize money up for grabs, will be back in person on April 12.

Sponsored by the University's Small Business Development Center, five competitors will pitch their products this Tuesday: Maya Brown '22 with College Buddy, Samantha Sloan '22 with Frost X Glass, Olivia DeNicola '22 with Crunch, Cuong Nguyen '23 with AUGART and Alana Bortman '22 with HopShop.

College Buddy

Maya Brown will be pitching College Buddy, a mobile app that provides meal recommendations in college towns based on individual students' health goals.

"Last semester, I had the honor of taking Entrepreneurship with Professor William Meek and in that class is where I bore College Buddy," Brown said. "As an assignment, he invited us to write daily idea journals where we created business solutions to our real life problems. The problem I saw confronting myself and others was balancing a healthy lifestyle while dealing with the hardships of school and work."

"College Buddy would be a support system for students functioning as a mobile application that would provide balanced meal recommendations based on the student's surroundings, from dining halls to local grocery stores, all within the student's budget. It would also provide tips on healthy eating along with workout regimens to help students face head on issues surrounding body image and food

insecurity," Brown said.

Frost X Glass: Don't let the frost cloud your vision

Frost X Glass, pitched by Samantha Sloan, is a polymer coating for car windows so they do not frost when it gets cold, that she conceptualized after her entrepreneurship class was asked to come up with a list of 50 annoying things and pick a few that they were most passionate about to begin to develop solutions for.

"I like to combine my problem solving skills and creativity to help solve everyday problems. I thought of Frost X Glass because after being a car owner in the Northeast I was annoyed by all the time I was spending defrosting my car," Sloan said.

"Frost X Glass is a really interesting concept and it has the potential to accumulate many consumers. I am so excited to be competing in Biz Pitch and I am really looking forward to the competition next Tuesday. Of course I am a little nervous, but I am looking forward to the opportunity to help propel Frost X Glass forward," Sloan said.

Crunch: Your perfect job is just a swipe away

Olivia DeNicola's Crunch is an application that basically serves as a dating app but for job applications, inspired by her experience with job applications.

"I found the process incredibly exhausting, time-consuming and frustrating; from having to create individualized cover letters to retyping the same basic information on each job portal — I knew there had to be an easier way," DeNicola said.

"Crunch makes applying to jobs fun; much like prompts you fill out on a dating app

Meet the BizPitch Finalists

about your interests and personality, my application provides those as well within your profile so the companies get to know a little bit more about you, and individuals can showcase more about whether or not they'd be a culture fit at that company," DeNicola said.

"I've always been very entrepreneurial, starting my first business in sixth grade," DeNicola said. "Therefore, getting that very real shark-tank-like experience is so exciting to me — I've been watching the show forever. I believe even witnessing that experience for your peers presenting is very valuable...it's also inspiring to see all the creative things my competitors have come up with, so come on April 12th to see all the hard work we've all put into this competition!" DeNicola said.

AUGART

Cuong Nyguen came up with the concept for AUGART, an app-based platform for 3D artists to turn their works into AR experiences, after taking a digital sculpture class at the University.

"Throughout the semester I had created a lot of fun and interesting 3D designs that I was very proud of. However at the end my works were only displayed as 2D captures on the class website. I want my works to be experienced in the most intuitive and interactive way possible, and I know that classmates would want the same," Nyguen said.

"I'm just happy and grateful to be in the finals. I will try to keep that energy and bring it to the competition next week," Nyguen said. "AUGART uses the technology of the future, and

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breaking the bubble

Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

DOMESTIC

According to Politico, the White House is planning to extend the moratorium for federal student loan payments, again. The announcement was made on Wednesday as the previous extension is set to end on May 1. According to Politico's source, Biden's domestic policy advisor Susan Rice was an essential part in this decision.

Tiger Woods has announced that he plans on competing in the Masters 2022. Woods, considered one of the greatest golfers of all time, with five Masters wins under his belt, told a room full of reporters that he believes he can win once again. The announcement comes only 14 months after a major car accident that left his leg crushed under the weight of an SUV.

INTERNATIONAL

In an address to the U.N., Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy urged the U.N. to involve themselves in the ongoing conflict with Russia. He asked them to stop Russian soldiers from advancing further through the country, according to Aljazeera. The U.N. Security Council heard his pleas, but has not yet announced any formal involvement.

The European Union has pledged more than \$720 million in aid to Moldova to help cover the cost of Russia's war in Ukraine. The donors include Germany, France and Romania, among others, and the money is intended to help the state cope with the influx of refugees it has had due to the growing conflict.

SINK OR SWIM: CANOE BATTLESHIP RETURNS

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boats. From the stands, seeing quite a few infractions, it was clear the competitive spirit knew no limits. The winning team though seemed to have a much calmer energy, which could have been what secured them the win. "We weren't supposed to win. We definitely weren't serious or devoted enough to win, but I guess it was that low-stakes attitude that ended up helping us. I don't know. But I think the true

highlight from that day was taking a late night run to Sheetz afterwards. That was legendary," Zilberman said. "It was very high energy and an exciting way to engage with the Bucknell community. I would absolutely recommend the experience to others in the future (if they're up to challenge the champs)," Weiss said.

MEET THE BIZPITCH FINALISTS

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trust me you would not want to miss this one and only pitch." **HopShop:** See where "Closet Tourism" can take you HopShop is a peer-to-peer platform for renting and swapping clothes in a sustainable, accessible and enjoyable way, pitched by Alana Bortman. "I began working on HopShop when I struggled finding appropriate business attire in my closet to wear to my first professional program," Bortman said. "It was very difficult to find what I needed, especially when you're far away from stores or don't have a car and can't go out and buy it. I figured

there has to be an easier way to do this, so the idea kind of fulfills that. You don't have to turn to more affordable but fast fashion alternatives to get the items that you need. It's really helping clothing pieces be more accessible, affordable and sustainable," Bortman said. "With interests in fashion and sustainability, HopShop has been an exciting project for myself, and one that I am looking forward to grow!" Bortman said in a statement for the BizPitch Instagram.

Credit/No Credit proposal tabled by COI

Dora Kreitzer
News Assistant Editor

On March 23, students received a survey asking their opinion on a credit or no credit proposal that was being offered by the Committee on Instruction (COI). Since then, the committee has decided to table the proposal and reevaluate it for next year.

Maeve Snover '22, the BSG student representative for the COI, took part in the development of the proposal.

"The purpose of the proposal is to support student success," Snover said in an emailed response. "A survey was sent out to the whole student and faculty population, and the opinions were all over the map. The committee decided that now is not the time to propose this type of plan if there is no clear majority opinion in the general Bucknell community."

Sarah Hanlon '24, academic chair for BSG, helped create the anonymous survey because of her past experience sitting in on COI meetings.

Even though the proposal was tabled, Hanlon said that the survey answers are still being compiled and students should take the opportunity to express their opinions on the subject.

"I think the most important thing for students to take away from this is that their input is valuable and seriously considered in the creation/proposal of ideas like Credit/No Credit. They should make their voices heard," Hanlon said.

The proposal still could be

passed next semester.

According to the survey from March, the proposal would give students the opportunity to change a total of 8 courses to either Credit/No Credit. Courses that are given a CR grade would "satisfy any graduation requirement." NCR grades would not satisfy any requirements.

Neither CR or NCR would count towards a student's grade point average. Grades for CR cannot be retaken, but NCR grades can if the student wishes. The CR and NCR would be limited to the first 10 weeks of a semester—the same date as the Withdrawal deadline.

The proposal would only allow the grading option to be implemented for four years. This time would allow the Registrar's Office, as well as faculty, time to collect data on whether or not it could continue to function well at the University.

For those interested in expressing their opinion on the proposal, the survey can be found in an email from Bernadette Maramis '22 on March 23.

The proposal could be adjusted, based on the feedback received during the survey, Snover said.

"COI will do more research about the different concerns to make sure that this is something that will be welcomed and helpful," she said. "If something is proposed it will not be determined by COI if it will be implemented, the proposal will be evaluated and will be voted on by the entire faculty at the University."

Housing Woes: Some students express frustration with housing options at the University

Dora Kreitzer
News Assistant Editor

This time of year, the big question around campus is "Where are you living next year?" Some students are eager to disclose their housing plans for the 2022-2023 school year, while others grumble at this question—a sign that housing selection did not exactly go as planned for them.

Word around campus, generally, has been that housing selection was even more ruthless this year than it has been in the past. Some folks have suggested that the increasing first year class sizes in the last few years are contributing to the difficulty of this year's housing selection process.

"Even though the University has increased enrollment, we have balanced that with the number of students approved to live off-campus. It is common for students to not be able to get exactly what they want for housing. When we survey students, only about 50 percent get their top choice after room selection concludes. However, we provide other opportunities such as upgrades and waitlists where we work with students 1-on-1 during the summer months to try to get a location they

prefer and be with their social circles," Director of Housing Services Stephan Apanel said.

Some students have also expressed their desire for the school to provide additional housing, but as Apanel says, "At this time, there is not a larger plan to increase the number of available beds on campus."

It is important to note that the University guarantees four years of on campus housing, so all students will end up somewhere, it just might not be where they would prefer to be.

Several rising juniors faced this dilemma. Many students in the class of 2024 had aspirations of living in the Gateway Apartments, however, all rooms in the Gateways were filled before housing selection even began for rising juniors. Situations like this one have prompted frustration from students.

"Overall, I think the Bucknell housing situation definitely needs to improve. There is not enough housing for the amount of students at Bucknell, and the housing options for students — considering the price we pay — are not worth the money. Bucknell needs to do better in its system for selecting housing and make it so students

enjoy where they are living," Allie Lopez '24 said.

But not all students felt frustration, and several students were placed in the preferred housing options. Students who opted to reside in Affinity Houses were able to apply to live in these homes before the regular housing selection began.

"I'm living in the OEL house next year, which was so nice to be set before all the sophomores had to figure out housing," Addie Priest, '25 said. Applying to live in one of the University's Affinity houses is an option if a student is interested in one of the themes available. Affinity Housing is also a way that students can reduce some of the stress involved in housing selection, as the Affinity House application process takes place before regular housing selection.

Regardless of students' feelings about their housing next year, everyone will have a room on campus next year. If housing selection didn't go as planned, students should consider applying for an upgrade. Housing Services say they will do their best to place students somewhere they'd like to be.

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BUCKNELL STUDENTS COMPETE IN BODYBUILDING COMPETITIONS

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The KLARC, most often frequented by students looking to find a way to exercise without traveling outdoors in the cold winter months, is also a home base for a few students who aim to compete in bodybuilding competitions this Spring.

Keith Cassar '22, Victoria Groody '25 and Mia Hursh '23 all train in the KLARC, take classes, and either have competed or plan to compete in amateur bodybuilding shows this Spring. Bodybuilding, which gained popularity in the late-19th century as a form of competition, is a process by which individuals aim to grow their muscles enough to compete against others in judge-scored shows. The training for

such shows is often grueling and intense, requiring many hours in the gym and many more hours of careful dieting and planning. While it might sound interesting to try some of the dieting and training techniques that these students utilize, it is important to remember that before trying anything new at the gym, you should speak to your physician or find a personal trainer to make sure any new plan is right for you. I spoke to the three students this past weekend to learn more about how they became interested in the sport, their training and dieting practices and how they have balanced such a time-consuming activity with their school work.

Hursh, who plans to compete on April 23 and 24 in the OCB Atlantic Super Show and the OCB Best of the 'Burgh, respectively, has aspirations to acquire her Pro Card in the Bikini Open division. When asked to describe her process for preparing for the upcoming competitions, Hursh detailed a little about her training plan and dieting efforts, "During the week, I wake up [around 6:30] in the morning... to go to the KLARC for 30-40 mins of fasted cardio with a protein shake." In addition to the

cardiovascular exercise, Hursh does a combination of HIIT and weight training to look her best. Explaining her weekly routine she said, "on Monday and Thursday, I do HIIT [and] weight training to strengthen and condition my upper body while including a few brief lower-body workouts... On Tuesday and Friday, I do HIIT [and] weight training to primarily strengthen and condition my lower body, including a few short upper-body exercises."

For Hursh, bodybuilding has familial ties.

Her mother competed in shows and they even used the same trainer to prepare for her first formal competition, lending her additional expertise and understanding of the sport. Her advice for anyone looking to explore the world of bodybuilding is to, "seek the assistance of a coach or personal trainer if you are lifting [or] training for the first time," adding that "you [must] be dedicated to the sport and willing to make long-term lifestyle changes to see the results you desire."



This was a theme that continued into my conversation with Cassar. Cassar, who placed third in the Powerhouse classic in Connecticut on April 2, reflected on some of the difficulties associated with his time-consuming and strenuous training schedule "Watching my friends eat delicious food right in front of me, missing out on parties and get-togethers because I had to get to the gym, and the lack of interest and concentration that I was actually able to give someone completely diminished [towards the end of my preparation for the show]," Cassar said.

Cassar, who initially came

to the University as a member of the wrestling team in 2018, was prohibited from competing with the team because he had too many previous concussions to do so safely. Looking for another challenge, he took up bodybuilding. Cassar retells his story, "Since I needed a physical struggle in my life I naturally gravitated towards bodybuilding and becoming stronger while simultaneously sculpting my body as if it was clay," Cassar said. "I am fascinated with the ways in which our bodies respond to stress and how one could drastically change their entire physique by just exercising."

For Cassar, consistency

was everything in preparation for his competition. From timing, weighing and tracking every meal to working out six days a week, the demanding schedule took a toll on his relationships, "it put a lot of stress on my relationships and I as I became distant and solely focused on being the best that I could for the show." Despite the time-consuming schedule, Cassar recommends that individuals looking to try working out "have fun with it" because "someone is much more likely to... get to the gym if they enjoy the way in which they are training or the way it makes them feel."

Groody, who has competed in her first bodybuilding competition, said she was initially interested in long distance running after her first marathon. Groody said she "started working with an online certified personal trainer and registered dietitian through a lifestyle-oriented fitness program and spent a solid amount of time in a bulking phase last summer tracking her macros and building muscle." Groody, who was named in the NPC Natural Body Championships on April 2, said that balance is the most difficult part

of her preparation for the competition. Finding a routine that works for you is crucial, and I found getting up around 4:30 a.m. to knock out weight training and cardio in one session all before my first class at 10 a.m. worked best for me."

Like Hursh, Groody uses professional coaches and dietitians to help determine her training plans and stay safe through the difficult process of preparing for competition. Groody said, "my coach provided me with macros, a training plan, and cardio, and we

made small changes each week increasing cardio and decreasing food." On the importance of trainers, she said, "I highly recommend starting with a reputable coach at the beginning of your fitness journey to make sure you benefit as much as possible from being new to training and that you're eating enough to build muscle."

As far as tips for individuals looking to try working out for the first time, Groody, like Cassar, believes that having fun is important. "My number one tip is to live and love the lifestyle first," she said.



“The First of a Thousand Steps”: Bucknell’s Struggles for Greater Diversity

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The University has been proud of its recent record-breaking statistics as a result of the university’s soaring applicant numbers. Earlier this year the university published a release noting that applications saw a “7.5 percent increase from students of color and an 18.5 percent increase from students who would be the first in their family to attend college.” These are numbers that will, if accepted students choose to enroll, contribute to a gradual shift in the University’s student body; one that strays away from being a largely homogenous group of white undergraduates to a campus populated by a more accurate reflection of national demographics.

But the truth is that the university is far from achieving its desired diversity goals. According to the University’s own factbook, 72 percent of enrolled students identify as White, a glaring statistic that pales in comparison to the national average for baccalaureate colleges, where around 54 percent identify as White. Though many universities across the country continue to grapple similarly with adequately meeting the need for greater diversity and inclusion, the University stands notoriously above many of its institutional peers as an overwhelmingly uniform group of students. It is a campus that demands radically different approaches in order to cultivate a more welcoming campus for minority and underrepresented students.

Nikki Young, Associate Provost for Equity and Inclusive Excellence, highlighted several of the University’s critical measures to promote inclusion at the university such as the T.E.A.M. Mentoring program, the Engineering Success Alliance and RAMP Up. Many of these programs accommodate students from underrepresented backgrounds to become more acclimated on campus, but doubly serve as part of a measure to help students preserve their own identities. “Bucknell is navigating the tension between creating spaces for people to exist in groups in which they identify,” Young said, “and also creating a diverse enough community that when we step into a whole, we don’t step into a melting pot where we lose our identity.”

That need for safe spaces is a subject elaborated upon further by Young, who stressed the importance for students to establish cohorts and communities on campus where they could feel comfortable while pursuing their education. “We’re learning that when students identify with and have a pocket, sort of a crew of folks, we’re retaining them better. So we’re curating programs that sustain that kind of retention.” Though she cited no specific data, she offered that students associated with a cohort are less likely to transfer than those who are not.

There is a crucial balance between being a part of the whole and a part of small

collectives; Young hopes to achieve the former through the established programs and organizations already available on campus. However, this is an effort that must be coupled with broader outreach efforts from enrollment to bring in more students from varied backgrounds in order to better match the ever-shifting demographics of the national population. “The country is becoming more and more people of color, and so over time, the demographic in general, who’s going to college, from what communities, and from what parts of the country, is shifting a little bit, and we will have to shift with it,” Young said.

While Young did not feel there was concern over retaining faculty members from underrepresented groups more so than any other university, she recognized the contributing factors that may have led to departures. “In a context where racial reckoning is much more public, and much more visible, there are jobs all over the country in higher education that are attractive to, and are attracting minority or underrepresented faculty.”

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Young noted that the current group of faculty were “probably the most diverse class of new faculty that is coming in that we’ve ever brought in.” But Assistant Professor of Women’s & Gender Studies Erica Delsandro argued that the support system for BIPOC and LGBTQ+ faculty remains lacking because there is no immediate group of similar professors that welcomes and embraces new hires, a concern given that many of these same professors serve as support systems for minority students, though this work is often unrecognized.

The costs of a higher education is another aspect demanding consideration in the efforts to improve upon the campus’ diversity. “One of the things that we have to consider is what our full comprehensive fee is in relation to our financial aid packages, and also how we can create lower debt risk for our students,” Young pointed to a broad, campus-wide effort, ranging from financial aid to admissions to the President’s office, to make the University a more accessible campus for a broader group of prospective students.

“Bringing people here is the first of a thousand steps,” Young said. In order to ensure that underrepresented students can consider this a welcoming environment, the University has to continue to establish programs

and organizations that can not only serve as appealing communities, but also as a method of educating others in order to, as Young refers to it, “build a foundation on cultural humility.”

Programs that work to foster inclusivity and equity are critical to ensuring the University’s community takes comfort in presidencies here, a sentiment that extends to systems that serve to protect students on campus. Director of Institutional Equity and Title IX Coordinator Samantha Hart recognizes that there is often an intersectionality when it comes to discrimination or harassment. “There’s an intersection in terms of when we’re talking about race or other protected characteristics, because when someone is experiencing discrimination or harassment, or their educational opportunities, it could be for a number of reasons. Sometimes it’s not just gender-based, it might be gender and race-based.”

Hart’s position as both Director of Institutional Equity and Title IX Coordinator is a relatively new one. The establishment of her role as recently as last August is a step she finds to be the mark of a campus looking to streamline a process for those seeking solace and aid after a traumatic experience. “Because somebody may feel like they’re being discriminated against or harassed based on a number of different things, you’re not having to go down different policies and different avenues to report concerns.”

The need to address intersectionality is one compounded by a demand to establish trust for the systems meant to provide safety and protections for members of the community, particularly students from underrepresented communities. “We also know from research over the years that individuals that are part of minority groups are even more reluctant to come forward,” Hart said of national statistics. “They’re experiencing this conduct on a higher level.”

Many of Hart’s recommendations for improvements to the University’s systems and procedures will partly be compliance driven, centered around the federal and state policies demanded to be enforced. But a more thorough understanding on her part of the University’s campus culture and its values is also critical in order to recognize how best to improve upon the University’s policies and procedures. That campus culture is undoubtedly comprised heavily by Greek life, an institution that, despite four fraternities being shut down in the past five years, continues to endure as a cornerstone of the University’s social life.

Associate Provost Young recognized the manner in which fraternities and sororities may provoke a level of exclusivity that fails to accommodate the campus at large. “Students recognize that our Greek system is a microcosm of the sort of exclusive spaces that recreate structures of inequity and inequality in general,” Young notes the ongoing student-wide reevaluation of the

University’s systems, one that is questioning if institutions such as Greek life serve the community in the manner that the population wishes it to. While Young intends not to demonize the institution as a whole or any particular fraternity or sorority, she ultimately acknowledges that “they also represent a series of investments related to, let’s say gender binaries, or racial segregation, or oftentimes class distinctions.”

Keri Gilligan ’24, an Asian-American sophomore from a diverse high school, acknowledged that the University was never on her college search list. But she was selected as a Posse Scholar, a program that brings student leaders and scholars to campus, and it was a position that would cover her tuition. Gilligan was worried she would have to assimilate to the predominantly wealthy white majority in order to fit in, feeling that many students assumed that Posse Scholars were students of color from a low-income background. A student in the Management School, Gilligan has noticed that opportunities in the area of management and finance can lean heavily on connections, where many students rely on their personal networks to secure jobs or internships that often come from connections to prestigious people. Students from underrepresented backgrounds are not always a part of these elite networks, making the intern and job search look different and sometimes more difficult.

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When first considering joining Greek life, Gilligan felt hesitant to take part in a system based on exclusion. Yet she found that the negative values people often associate with sororities were not true in her experience, joining a welcoming group of women while being able to keep Greek life a fraction of her life, and not her whole identity. Gilligan has benefitted from Greek life on campus, but many POC first year students share the same apprehension as she originally did. Vivian Kuang, an Asian-American first-year student, is unsure if she wants to go through recruitment. Kuang grew up in a predominantly white neighborhood, and so is already accustomed to the norms found at the University. The lack of diversity on campus has instilled a greater appreciation for her own, as well as stronger connections with those she is similar to, but Vivian worries she may not fit into Greek life. “Looking at the

pictures from the sororities’ Instagram accounts, it is obvious most members are white,” Kuang said. She explained that many students of color, particularly those who grew up in diverse areas, have not once considered joining, aware that it is not an environment that they feel will fit them. But this can create an isolating environment and a hierarchy within the student body given Greek life’s social relevance at the University and to those it appeals to most.

The University has taken major steps to make Greek life a more welcoming and inclusive sphere. Olivia Libby, Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs, shared recent successful DEI initiatives, such as a Greek Week wherein Lawrence Ross visited to discuss racism on college campuses. The PanHellenic executive board and sorority and fraternity chapters have added DEI positions to their leadership boards, and diversity education is a required field to remain in good standing with the university. FSA’s chapter expansion policy recently brought back Kappa Alpha Psi, a Divine Nine African-American Fraternity.

But Eliza Ray ’24, a cofounder of Bucknell Advocates for Diversity, says that the problem remains the University’s culture. “As a white woman, I have racial privilege at Bucknell... it is common to hear of students of color who do not wish to attend Bucknell, given its reputation as a predominantly White, upper-class institution, and I have many friends of color who have struggled endlessly during their time here.” She admits that the main problem B.A.D. faces is the question of changing “a culture when there are people who do not necessarily wish to change.” B.A.D. works to reshape this culture, and she and her teammates believe that while these changes are possible, they must happen before the University can attract and retain students and faculty of color.

In regards to bringing underrepresented students into the community and the University’s record number of minority student applicants, Young said “if I was talking to a single individual coming into a predominantly white place... no, I wouldn’t do it. But would I say come in with 50? Absolutely. That’s different, and that’s what we’re trying to do, we’re not trying to take in one by one, we’re trying to take in 50, and that’s the difference.”

“Diversity is a fact,” Young said. “It is about difference, and what we have to do is recognize it, respond to it and celebrate it. But equity is a choice that we have to make for the ways that we are engaging with one another, for the policies that we have, the processes that we use to engage one another.” To the associate provost, the path towards greater inclusion is one paved by all of the community working together to ensure that the University can foster a sense of belonging for all those who choose to reside on our campus.



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Bucknell cuts down cherry blossom trees to meet student allergy needs

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Bucknell, a school known for its supreme vegetation, is facing tremendous backlash as the University has decided to cut down its cherry blossom trees to protect students from allergy season.

The University began showing concern around the cherry blossoms last Spring when students were getting aggressively congested every time they left their beds from their Zoom classes. This year, as students are spending about 13x more time outside than they were last year, the effects of the cherry blossom allergies are evident.

A concerned student contacted the University claiming that the cherry blossom trees are posing a significant health risk to students and squirrels alike. A mix of both their allergy inducing properties and the stench has left many campus residents feeling dizzy and

nauseous. Some squirrels have been spotted dropping out of the trees.

One student, Brian Skeels '23, who transferred to Bucknell solely for its abundance of outdoor spaces, was concerned about the University's decision to cut down its cherry blossom trees. "I came here for the acreage and will be disappointed to see if the University changes the beautiful landscape," said Skeels.

One visiting student who came for the University's admitted students day said they were less concerned with the cherry blossoms and more concerned with the copious amounts of mulch. "I wanted to come here until I realized how much this school reeks," said the anonymous visiting student who has since confirmed he is going to Lehigh.

The University has announced that they will be replacing the cherry blossom trees with plastic Christmas trees.

Mask-fishing sparks campus-wide protests

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It turns out the girl sitting next to me in Econ 101 has two noses.

Yup, I've had a crush on her for the past year and just found this out. This whole time I've been looking at those beautiful green eyes thinking she was the most irresistible thing on campus. I saw her without a mask for the first time in class this past Monday expecting my dreams to come to life, but instead my jaw dropped, and not in a good way. I'm just another victim of the halo effect. Her eyes are gorgeous, so why wouldn't the rest of her face be gorgeous too?

According to Google, "Mask-fishing is another form of cat-fishing. It's when you look better wearing a mask than you would without it."

It turns out that I'm not the only one who has been mask-fished. This past week, a group of good-looking students banded together in efforts to get mask guidelines reinstated on campus, as they've grown tired of the ugly faces in their classes. The group, known as Alpha Delta Omicron, have been leaving masks across campus in efforts to cover up the ugliness.

As tensions on campus rise inexorably, the words "MASK UP

OR PACK UP" can be found written in chalk on the Malesardi Quad. It's strange that this has become an issue here at the University, seeing as we're home to the "third-hottest student body in the nation" (MyPlan.com, College Rankings), although to be fair, back in 2020 we were ranked second, so it seems our beauty is dwindling and the nation has noticed.

We tried to get an interview with University President Johnny Bravo to ask what he plans to do to ease students' frustration, but his assistant informed us he was booked solid through May of 2035. Later that day, however, the 6'7" University president was seen repeatedly attempting—and failing—to touch the rim of a basketball hoop. Clearly, Mr. Bravo has more free time than he claims.

In a recent interview, one of the ADO students—who wore a full-face mask the entire time, thus maintaining anonymity—said, "We've been hoodwinked, bamboozled, led astray, and flat-out deceived! Johnny Bravo, we demand that you cover up the hideous atrocity you call your students," and promptly burst into tears. Looking at their beautiful green eyes I got flashbacks of my former crush and I had to cut the interview short, just like this satire piece.

Canoe competition got crazy as AUTHENTIC viking longship invades pool

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Last Friday, the CAP Center hosted their annual Canoe Battleship Competition, and it was just as wet and wild as ever. It was also wackier than previous years since the event was held on April Fools Day, leading the CAP Center to add some surprise twists to the battle this time around.

The first round went as smoothly as can be expected when you have 28 college students in seven canoes trying to sink each other in one pool. The Boating Babes and Wacky Water Waiters, who thematically wore button up shirts and bowties, were out pretty quickly. Then the team of four of the tallest guys I've ever seen, aptly named the Big Men, tipped their canoe over while trying to turn around. Team 5 and team "Yes, We Can Swim" had initially teamed up and were successful in the take down of the Rowing Boys, made up of some of the men's rowing team. However, the two

teams ended up taking each other out after Team 5 mistook "Yes, We Can Swim" for the Nymphs, who then won the first round.

When the second round came around, stationary platforms were set up in the water, confusing the teams. It was explained that every ninety seconds a bell would sound and one member of each team had to use the platforms to get out of their canoe and into another team's canoe. The teams of the four people left in the final boat would do a face off to decide the winner of the round. Naturally, the already chaotic competition got even worse, with teams getting hilariously mixed up and none of the competitors sure where to go when they had to switch teams. The finalists ended up being two members from Big Men, and one person from the Nymphs and Team 5 each. Big Men won the decisive battle, managing to not tip over their canoe this time around.

Finally, the third and final round rolled up and all the teams had no idea what to expect. But you wanna

know what else rolled up? An authentic Viking ship! That's right, an entire Viking ship named the Bison's Call and her crew appeared in the pool. No one knows how it fit, but it did. Its main purpose was to cause distractions for the teams, the Vikings shouting and dumping water over the side to impede the team's ability to attack each other. Despite all the challenges and Vikings in the way, Team 5 managed to pull a surprising win by just staying out of everyone else's way. That final win allowed Team 5 to make it to first place for the whole competition, with the Nymphs coming in second and Big Men in third and then all the other teams being runners up. How points were awarded doesn't matter, what does matter is how funny it was to see the teams push the judges into the pool, with permission of course.

Rumor has it that CORE plans to try out Real Monopoly next semester, in which students purchase all locally franchised food establishments to the end of defrauding their rivals.

Teachers flip the script by skipping class for April Fools'

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On April 1, students experienced a very unusual thing when they arrived at class that day: no teachers. None. Nada.

Normally, the 15-minute rule, which stands as a pillar of Classroom Law, dictates that if an instructor does not arrive within 15 minutes, the students are legally allowed to leave the class without repercussion. However, it just so happened that this was the case in every single class that day. It left students wondering—at least, those students who had bothered to arrive—where were the teachers?

One such answer could be found after some investigation. Professor Hinnegan Lardwark, a specialist in bird science,

answered my fifth knock at his door dressed in sweatpants and bunny slippers. He usually holds classes at 8:30 on weekday mornings.

"April Fools!" He exclaimed while sipping on a coffee. "Do you know how many students stay up late during the week and ditch my class? Sometimes I have like five or six students there, but it's a 20 person class!" After going on a very specific tangent about a few particularly negligent students (you know who you are), I managed to talk him down from breaking his computer and get to the point. "Anyways, we're all just sick of it, so the entire administration is pulling a fast one on the students." If only they knew that the caf food was one step ahead of him.

Still, Lardwark's grievances weren't entirely unfounded.

Wednesday nights are always party nights when it comes to students, much like Friday and Saturday are in the real world (usually I hit the town on Tuesday, when people least expect it). However, often these excursions result in hangovers and overall exhaustion when class starts on those grueling Thursday mornings. Nevertheless, despite the professor's complaint, I think that due to the teachers' absences, such behavior will continue... mostly because students are always looking for a day off.

To properly remedy, this is simple: show up or pack up! That's right everybody, we should introduce a no-nonsense lack-of-tolerance policy for excuse-less non-attendance. If people are still coming in late, then may these teachers rule by fear!

Boring! Ken Burns' newest Ben Franklin documentary uses time-travel to change nothing about history

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Time travel is a tricky subject. It's one of those things that might seem familiar on the surface, but is actually innumerable complex. This is because no one can really know the rules of time travel. If you're a scientist, you could spend years and years of research on time travel and not figure anything out. If you're "Avengers: Endgame," you'll spend a few minutes devising the rules for time travel in order for the plot of your movie to work.

Despite the confusing science, an unexpected figure has emerged as a leading figure in time travel: world-renowned documentary filmmaker, Kenneth Burns. Kenneth "Ken" Burns has recently shot a new documentary on Ben

Franklin that was released on April 4 and April 5 in multiple parts.

We all know the story of Ben Franklin, one of the most influential figures in American history. However, eagle-eyed viewers of the documentary noticed a strange sight during a particular scene in the documentary. When the documentary covered the American Revolution, there was a shot of John Trumbull's famous painting, "The Battle at Bunker Hill." When a viewer, who wishes to be anonymous, accidentally paused the movie because he sat on the remote after he got a bag of Cheetos, they reported to have seen what appeared to be the figure of Ken Burns himself in the background, taking a pee. While this has absolutely no impact on history whatsoever, we decided to pursue this case further.

"I just saw him there," the anonymous viewer said. "I almost **** my pants, too."

When our investigative reporters reached out to Burns for comment, he declined.

Upon further investigation, we found some other observations that are... strange. For instance, when they showed a portrait of Ben Franklin, one viewer swore they saw the words "I'm vengeance" written onto Franklin's clothes, which is fascinating due to last week's rumors of the University President's identity with the Batman. Now, whether Ben Franklin is the Batman remains to be seen.

Burns' next documentary, "Peeing Across Time" is set to release next fall.

"It's unrelated," Burns said.

Amami releases new "Adrena-ccino" to student customers

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This weekend, local coffee hotspot Amami is releasing the newest of their many coffee flavors. From "Pumpkin Spice" in the fall to "July 4th Americano" in the spring. Now the aspiring chain is releasing the "Adrena-ccino" (for when Red Bull just isn't enough). Apparently, the coffee is just a shot of pure adrenaline coupled with the energy packed into a regular old cappuccino. It's apparently the equivalent of one pack of five-hour energy drinks, since it's literally just pure energy in liquid form. While students are allowed to choose any product they want, this one supposedly comes with a warning label. Apparently, six

of them can result in cardiac arrest! Who knew? Anyways, the marketing team mentioned that the core audience was for sleep-averse students and procrastinators. I think it's a solid choice, because if you're going to work at the last possible second, you better work 600% faster than before.

Have a ten-page midterm due by tonight? Knock it out in two hours using the power of nonstop motion, desperation, and nothing to lose! The only side effects are an increased heart rate, an increased desire for cardio, sweating, weight loss, rampant screaming, muscle strain, and rare cases of Destructitis, also known as Bull-China Shop Syndrome. Compared to the effects of huffing ashes of an incinerated copy of *Coffee for Dummies*, Amami's

newest product is fairly tame by comparison.

I can't even remember my first sip of the Adrena-ccino, but when I woke up, I had all of my homework done, written a full-length play, had an all-points bulletin out for my capture due to something something in Cuba, adopted a pet bull, and successfully scheduled several meetings with the frozen head of Walt Disney. My point is, the Adrena-ccino is a drink that has the capacity to change lives forever. It can destroy you if used without caution, but at the same time is a blessing for the bold. It's the equivalent of a train wreck and a sixteen-week Space Force boot camp because there's so much flying around and there's no control over it, not unless you have a lot of stopping power.

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The Black Knights edged out the Bison

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On Saturday at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium at the Pascucci Family Athletics Complex, the Army West Point scored three goals in the final four minutes to secure a 10-9 men's lacrosse victory. The Black Knights provided an intense match against the Bison (7-3, 1-3 PL).

Rick O'Halloran '25 had a career-best 16-save performance while Dutch Furlong '24 and Alston Tarry '22 had a four-goal outing. The game was notably fast and physical.

The Black Knights raced out to an early 4-1 lead. The Bison responded in the second quarter on a 5-0 run to lead the Orange and Blue to a 6-4 advantage into intermission. Furlong completed his hat trick during this half. The lead was not long lasting as the Black Knights scored three of its goals to take a 7-6 lead during the third quarter. The Bison came out strong in the final quarter. They regained their advantage with a 3-0 run which saw Tarry strike twice.

Other noticeable performances were Harry Wellford '22 and Cam Doolan '25 who both enjoyed a multi-point

match. On the other side of the field, Travis Talarico '22 and Danny Striano '23 were key pieces to the Bison defense. Talarico recovered three ground balls and two caused turnovers. Striano was the cause for a game-high of three turnovers and collected two ground balls. O'Halloran made 16 saves, 11 in the first half.

The game was back and forth, however the Black Knights handed the Bison its first home loss of the 2022 season.

Tarry spoke on the tough game. "Army is a very good team and we fought hard and played them tough. It was obviously a tough ending that nobody wanted at all but we showed toughness throughout the whole game. We're going to build on this game and move forward and are excited for this weekend's game against Lehigh," Tarry said.

Entering the game, the Orange and Blue were 4-0 at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium. The Bison are looking forward to their next game against current No. 20 Lehigh on Sunday, April 10 for a 1 p.m. game.

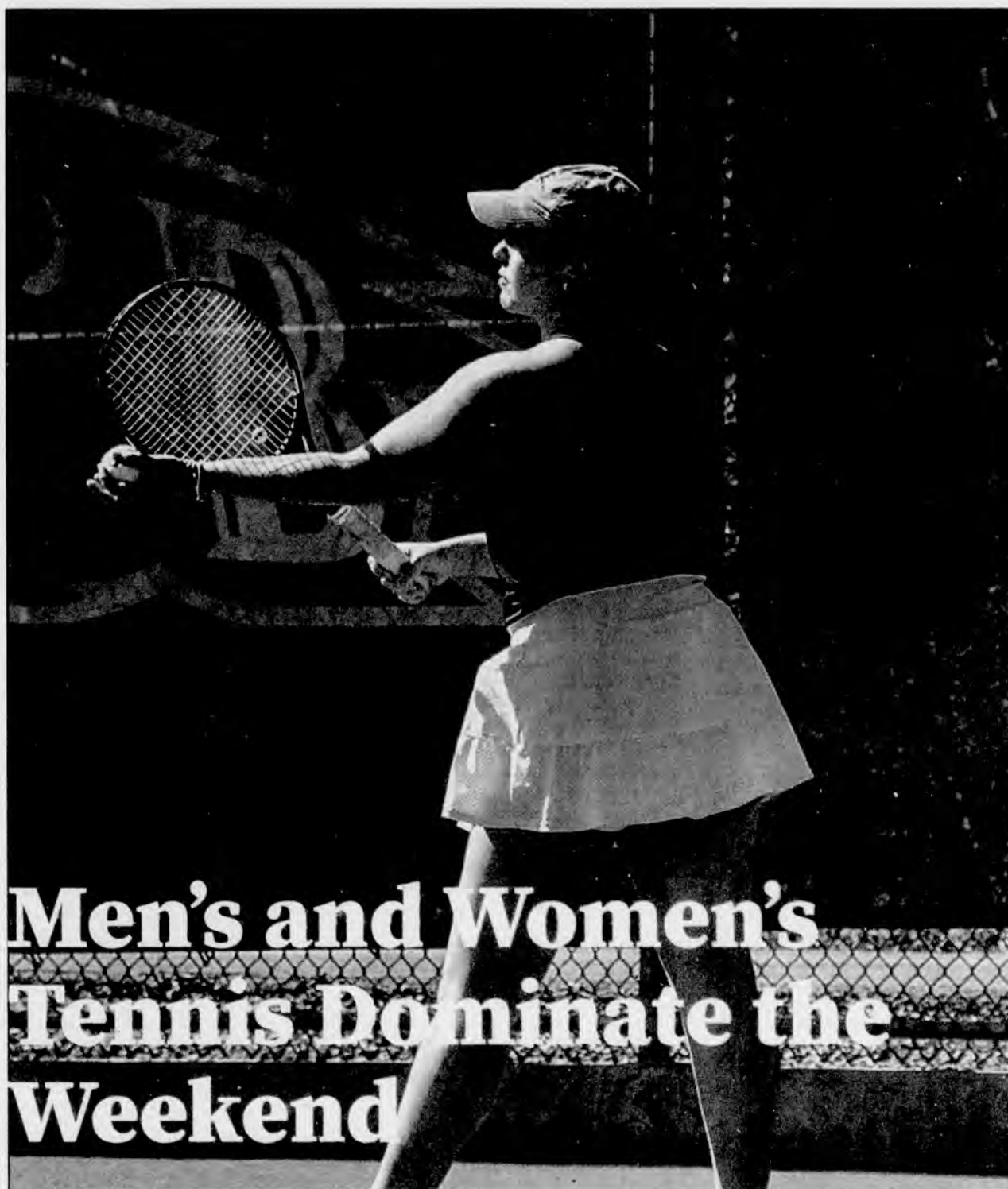


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Men's and Women's Tennis Dominate the Weekend

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Men's Tennis

Looking to rebound from last week's loss to Chestnut Hill, the men's team opened the weekend against Colgate on Friday afternoon. After dropping the doubles point, the Bison ran away in singles en route to a 5-2 victory. The performance included individual wins from Harrison Gold '24 (1), Michael Owen '23 (3), Tim Zelikovsky '24 (4), Ink Chen '24 (5) and Nicolas Grunig '25 (6).

On Sunday, the Bison had

little trouble dispatching the Terriers of Boston University, sweeping 1-4 singles and all doubles matches. Following the impressive wins, Gold was named Patriot League Player of the Week for his efforts.

The Bison moved to 2-1 in Patriot League play and will put their improved record to the test next weekend as they travel to Navy and Loyola.

Women's Tennis

The women's team returned to action on the outdoor courts Saturday, as they faced off

against rival Lehigh University. The Bison began the day by earning the doubles point, combining a win from Senior Captain Daniela Bellini and Whitney King '25 at first doubles and a Lehigh forfeit at third doubles.

Bellini continued to lead the way for the Bison, posting a decisive 6-1, 6-3 victory on court number one. Anna Lajos '25, Laurel Utterback '24 and Kate Novak '24 all won their singles matches, rounding out the 6-1 decision.

The Bison went right back to work on Sunday morning,

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Upcoming Events

Softball

- Vs Army on 4/9 at 12pm
- Vs Army on 4/9 at 2pm
- Vs Army on 4/10 at 12pm
- Vs Saint Francis on 4/12 at 3pm
- Vs Saint Francis on 4/12 at 5pm

Baseball

- Vs Lafayette on 4/9 at 12pm
- Vs Lafayette on 4/9 at 2:30pm
- Vs Lafayette on 4/10 at 1pm

Women's Lacrosse

- Vs Army on 4/9 at 3pm

Track and Field competes at Colonial Relays Meet

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The Orange and Blue traveled to Williamsburg, Va. to compete in the William and Mary Colonial Relays. There were 34 teams in attendance for the men and after day one they sat in seventh place. The Bison scored a total of 21 points on day one in four different championship section events. The Orange and Blue also had many top five finishes in the unseeded university event sections. The Bison women competed hard in the Colonial Relays placing second overall out of 34 teams on day one. The Orange and Blue collected a total of 40.5 points in 10 different events.

Anthony Zamarra '23 brought the most points for the Bison on Friday with six. He finished fourth in the shot put with a 51-10.5. Grant Ellis '25 finished at the top of the high jump in the university section with a personal best 6-7.5. Ethan Wolford-Tuffy '24 ran a 48.32 in the 400 and landed ninth one the Bison's all-time top 10 list. He contributed five points to the team total. Rayven Sample '24 placed 14th in the 400 with a 49.16.

The Bison men placed 16th out of 40 total teams on day two of the meet. The Orange and Blue brought in 26 points for the weekend, and the 4x200 and 4x1500 relays

both added points to Friday's total. The 4x200 squad placed seventh; the 4x1500 squad placed sixth in the meet. The sprint medley relay team placed ninth and was one spot behind a top eight finish with a time of 3:39.79.

Karen Hull '24 also cracked into the school's top 10 list and placed first in the high jump with a 5-5.25. Hull added 10 points to the Bison total. Ashlyn Ramos '22 scored eight points for the Bison and ran an outstanding 16:44.51 in the 5000. She placed third in that event.

The Orange and Blue took a third place finish after day two of the meet. Scoring a total of 73.5 points, the Bison were just one point behind William and Mary, who finished with 74.5 points.

The distance relay for the women placed first with an 11:55.58 finish to add 10 points to the Bison total. The 4x100 and 4x400 teams both placed second, adding a combined 16 points.

"It was a really strong meet for us as a team. We were able to compete hard and had a lot of good wins. We dominated the first day and I think the relays performed very well on day two," Gianna Macones '22 said.

The Orange and Blue travel to Bethlehem, Pa. next weekend for the Lehigh Invite.

Lohwater leads Bison at the Battle at Rum Pointe

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Sports Co-Editor

Jason Lohwater '22 had an excellent performance this past weekend as Bison men's golf competed at the Battle at Rum Pointe. In the first round, Lohwater shot a 3-under-par to lead the Orange and Blue to a 296 total in the first round. Blake Wisdom '23 shot a 74, Michael Rudnick '25 shot a 75, Jackson Bussell '23 shot a 78 and Jake Maddaloni '25 shot a 79.

In Sunday's second round, the Bison scored a 297, giving them a total of 593 for the weekend. Lohwater continued his strong performance on Sunday, shooting a 72. Lohwater shot a 3-under with a score of 141 overall, putting him in third place, tied with Rhode Island's Jordan Brajcich.

Wisdom shot a 74 on Sunday, and finished tied for 17th with a 148 total on the weekend. Rudnick shot a 75 in the second round, and Bussell a 76.

Lohwater earned his second Patriot League Golfer of the week award this Spring for his strong effort this past weekend. Lohwater started off with three birdies to lead him to a 3-under-par in

the first round, and continued on to shoot even-par in the second round. Lohwater's performance was a big reason why the Bison finished third overall in the 21-team field at the Battle at Rum Pointe.

The Orange and Blue are set to compete again on April 10 and 11 at the Coca-Cola Invitational hosted by Lafayette.

The women's golf squad competed at the Prospect Bay Intercollegiate in Maryland. In their first two rounds, the Bison scored 333 and 330. Kelsey Yi '24 shot the best for the Orange and Blue with a 164 total on day one. Cristina Canales '24 and Tara Thomas '25 each shot a 167. Tatum McKelvey '23 added a 168, and Sun Woo Jeon '22 a 170.

On Sunday, the Bison finished with a team score of 334. Thomas and Yi recorded impressive scores on the second day, shooting 81 and 79 respectively. Canales and Woo Jeon both shot 84. Canales finished strong on the back end, with four birdies and a par to wrap up the round.

Next, the women's golf team is headed to the Patriot League Championship hosted by Navy from April 15 through 17.

TENNIS

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earning their fourth shutout of the season over Colgate. Tyne Miller '24 rebounded from a grueling tiebreaker loss on Saturday, posting a dramatic 6-1, 2-6, 7-5 victory

of her own to clinch the win for the Bison. Bellini was named Patriot League Player of the Week on Monday.

The Bison now sit at 11-6 on the season and

2-1 in conference play. Another Patriot League double slate awaits, with the Bison traveling to Lafayette and Loyola this coming weekend.

Strong weekend for Bison women's rowing

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The Bison women's rowing squad put together a strong performance at their home opener on the Susquehanna River. The Varsity Eight headed the performance, winning both of their races against Boston College and George Washington.

The Orange and Blue completed their first race in 6:59.81, a seven-point-five second lead against their George Washington opposition. The Bison also earned a decisive victory in their second race with a time of 7:31.69, 26 seconds ahead of Boston College. The V8 team was made up of

the Bucknellian's own Juliette Gaggini '24, Erin Sullivan '22, Maddie Wickers '23, Caroline Brandt '23, Natalie Kreusch '22, Kona Glenn '25, Hayden Groves '25, Kate Meerscheidt '22 and Elizabeth Berlinger '23.

The 2V8 also had an impressive race with a time of 7:25.93, however Boston College was able to edge them by just two seconds. The members of the 2V8 team include Ollie McDonald '25, Georgia Lambrakis '23, Chloe Segal '23, Amanda Pennett '24, Alina Kelly '25, Christina DeMola '23, Caroline Keating

'22, Jess Volcheck '22 and Annabelle Kaeli '24.

Keating spoke on the team's performance this weekend. "As a team we had an exciting race that definitely pushed our abilities! We had a lot of fun and are learning with every experience. Each race and practice that we do brings us closer to our goals and becoming the fastest that we can be!" she said.

The Orange and Blue are set to face a group of Ivy League teams in Princeton, Harvard, Cornell and Yale this coming Saturday in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Softball rebounds with a commanding victory

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The Orange and Blue softball team was on the road against Boston University in a three-series matchup that resulted in three losses for the Bison. The Terriers, who are currently No. 1 in the Patriot League, consistently outmatched the Bison with scores of 7-1, 7-0 and 7-0 over the course of the weekend. On Tuesday, the Bison came back and bested Saint Peter's at home with a resounding 13-0 victory.

The series opened up in Boston at noon on Saturday and the Bison started off strong, keeping the game scoreless for the first three innings. However, Boston got on the board in the fourth inning with an impressive five runs. The inning started with a no-out double for the Terriers and then a run scored as a result of a sacrifice bunt and a Bison error. A Terrier triple brought two more runs home, the first of four triples for Boston this Saturday, and another triple and a single in the fifth inning brought the score to 5-0 in favor of Boston.

Zoie Smith '24 hit a fantastic home run in the top of the sixth inning. This was her first of the 2022 season and the sixth home run of her collegiate career. Smith put her team on the board, but the Bison's efforts proved to be no match for the Terriers and the game ended 7-1.

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, the Bison again lost to the Terriers in the second game of the day; this time losing by a greater margin of 7-0 as a result of their inability to get on the scoreboard. Boston excelled in the circle, not permitting the Bison women to get a single hit in any of the first five innings. The Terriers outhit the Bison considerably (11-2) and capitalized primarily in the third inning. BU scored four runs in that inning alone

via six hits. Neither team managed to get on the scoreboard in the fourth and fifth innings. However, the Terriers came back in the bottom of the sixth and scored a two-run home run to bring the final score to 7-0. The Bison's Nicole Rivait '22 stood out as the lone Bison hitter on the day, going 2-for-3 in this second game of the series.

On Sunday, the women faced off against BU again, again falling 7-0 to the Terriers. The Terriers outnumbered the Bison in hits, 7-2, and put up six runs in the first two innings alone. Again, Boston's pitcher threw an excellent game, holding the Bison offense to a shutout.

The Bison had a solid chance in the fourth inning with two runners in scoring position, but they were shut down by Boston once again. Kaiya Burton '23 received the loss on the day after pitching for 1.2 innings and permitting the Terriers to get three hits. The Terriers actually made it on the board before getting a hit: the first batter got hit with a pitch, the second walked and the third reached on an error and the leadoff batter scored with a passed ball. Burton was replaced by Olivia Marinelli '23 during the second inning, who allowed one run and four hits in her 1.1 innings in the circle.

From an offensive standpoint, the Bison batters struggled and were retired in all of the first three innings. The first hit came as a result of MaKenzie Hilling '25, who hit a one-out infield single. Rivait followed Hilling immediately after with another single.

Most recently, the women faced off against the Saint Peter's Peacocks Tuesday afternoon. The Bison were victorious by a considerable margin, defeating the Peacocks handily

with a final score of 13-0 after five innings. This is the highest-scoring game of the season so far for the Bison, and the third shutout recorded this spring.

The Bison women scored an impressive eight runs in the first inning, then five more in the third and fourth innings. Pitcher Kelley Toomey '22 played the entirety of the game on the mound (her fifth complete game this spring). Toomey threw five strikeouts and held the Peacocks to just two hits the entire afternoon. One of her strikeouts came at a convenient time in the top of the first inning, when the Peacocks had a good chance with runners on both second and third with only one out. However, Toomey came through and kept the Peacocks off the scoreboard. She struck out three of the last six Saint Peter's batters.

Chase Knapp '23, Juliette Basso '25 and Annabella Hawkins '24 each scored singles for the Bison in the first inning. A double by Hilling brought two more runners home. The second inning remained scoreless, but the Bison picked it up in the third inning with another five runs. Rivait hit an impressive home run — her second of the season, and 12th of her career — with two runners on base to bring the score to 11-0.

Knapp scored again for the Bison in the fourth inning, hitting a triple. Ava Aguilar '25 had a triple as well. Jessie Kincer '25 hit an RBI single to left field, the first of her career, and Hunter Vestal '24 contributed with a sacrifice fly.

The Bison women look ahead to their next matchup against Army in a three-game series this coming weekend. The team will be facing off at home on Saturday, April 9 at noon.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Whitney King '25

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Senior Writer

The Bison women's tennis team has a winning record right now of 11-6. This is thanks to the incredible effort and skill of the whole team; however, this article will discuss the impressive rookie campaign of Whitney King '25, and how her contribution to the team has been crucial to its success.

As a rookie, King has already been named both Patriot League Player of the Week for the week of Feb. 5, and Bison Athlete of the Week for the week of Sept. 13. She also became the first women's tennis player to be honored as Bison Athlete of the Week in the fall — tennis is primarily a spring sport.

This past weekend, the first-year had another successful run. Against Lehigh, she defeated her doubles opponent 6-0. Against Colgate she took down her singles opponent 6-4 and her doubles opponent 6-2. Thanks to these contributions, the Orange and Blue are officially 2-1 in league play.

"I recently have been struggling with an ongoing back injury," King explained, "so being back on the court this past weekend competing next to my team was a dream come true."

At the No. 2 singles spot, the Sarasota native has done exceptionally well, with a whopping 17-3 record. Her doubles play is also top-tier. King and her doubles partner, senior Daniela Bellini '22, hold a 19-3 record.

King has won her matches 86 percent of the time, but is still

humble enough to shout out teammate Bellini. "My doubles partner, Danielle Bellini, deserves an extra shoutout as our captain and our role model," she said. "She has taught me everything about being and playing as a teammate."

King and the Bison take on Patriot League opponents Lafayette and Loyola this weekend, where the rookie is excited to continue her work as a team-player. "Coming into college tennis, I had no idea what it was like to be on a team, but the expectations exceeded themselves," she added. "I would not be having the season I am having without them. The energy we all bring to every single match is unbeatable. The support we all give each other on and off the court is incredible."

"I can confidently say I have grown as a player and person here, and I am so beyond proud of that!"

Career Stats

16-3 singles record

8-2 singles dual

record on court 2

17-3 doubles

record

9-2 doubles dual

record on court 1

Women's Lacrosse falls to Lehigh

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This weekend, the Bison women's lacrosse team traveled west to take on the Lehigh University Mountain Hawks. In the wake of a two game winning streak, the Bison fell to their opponent on Saturday with a score of 16-11. Five players scored two goals each from the Bison: Emma Cashwell '22, Tatum Kohlbrener '24, Phoebe Macleod '24, Laurel McHale '22 and Taylor Kopan '24.

The first half started off well with the Orange and the Blue leading after the first quarter by two goals. The second quarter saw two more goals from the Mountain Hawks, tying the game at 5-5. The Bison responded quickly with a three goal combo, giving the team an 8-5 lead with the half almost done. Lehigh did not fall behind, however, scoring two more goals in the back of the net and finishing the half at a score of 8-7.

Lehigh picked it up in the

second half, scoring four goals in the third quarter, and following with three more in the fourth. The Bison scored three more goals as well, but could not catch the Mountain Hawks as they pulled ahead.

Ella Payer '23 put up a career high draw controls, as the Bison beat out the Mountain Hawks 22-9. Caitlin McHale '23 and Cashwell also had six draw controls each.

Macleod spoke on the game. "We came out really strong against Lehigh but slipped up in the 3rd quarter. We have made big changes this season across the board so I am really excited to see how we match up against a strong Army team this weekend!" Macleod said.

The Bison women's lacrosse team will play again Saturday April 9, taking a week off before taking on the Army Black Knights.



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Tiger Woods' Comeback

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This week's Masters is set to see Tiger Woods, a five-time champion, return to his first official golf tournament just 14 months after a car accident left him with life-threatening injuries. In 2021, Woods was involved in a car crash in Los Angeles where his car flipped and one of his legs so badly injured that amputation was considered.

However, he is set to return to golf, potentially with screws and rods still holding his leg together. It is set to be his first official tournament since the 2020 Masters. Woods played in an exhibition tournament with his son in December 2021, aided by a buggy to get around the course. He still earned \$8 million from

that tournament, with crowds flocking to see him play for the first time since the accident. While walking is still a struggle for him, he remains confident that he can win, saying "I don't show up to an event unless I think I can win it." Woods is no stranger to playing through injury, winning the 2008 US Open with

a double stress fracture in his leg and winning the 2019 Masters not long after extensive back surgery. He has been very clear that he has no intention to make up numbers and is looking to win the tournament and claim his sixth masters win, the first of those coming all the way back in 1997. "I feel like if I can still compete at the highest level

I am going to, but if I feel like I can't, you won't see me out here," Woods said. A victory would make him the oldest ever winner of the tournament at 46-years-old, and leave him two victories short of the all-time record for major titles. The tournament starts on Thursday April 7 at the Augusta National Golf Course in Georgia.

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Baseball splits both Lafayette and Lehigh in this weekend's series

Paige Temple
Contributing Writer

The Bison traveled to Easton, Pa. this weekend to compete against the Lafayette Leopards. The Orange and Blue won the first game of the series 6-1 with Kyle Lyons '23 and Anthony Sherwin '24 dominating behind the plate. The two combined for five of the Bison's six hits with one RBI and five runs scored. Will Greer '23 pitched all seven innings for his first complete game of the season. The win brought the junior to a 4-0 record on the season. He allowed nine hits in the game and only one run. Greer finished the game in the seventh, which was his second career complete game win. The Bison then turned around and played the Leopards again, resulting in a 3-1 loss. The team combined for a total of five hits and pitcher Tyler O'Neill '25 started off strong in the first five innings, allowing only one run. The Orange and Blue allowed the remaining two runs in the sixth inning off of an error in the field. The Bison scored the lone run in the eighth inning off of a hit from Grant Voytovich '24. The sophomore hit a double

on a field error, which brought Lyons into home plate. O'Neill allowed only seven hits with one earned run and three strikeouts in five innings. The Bison turned around to face Lehigh on Sunday, winning the first game of the series 14-8. The Bison tied their season-high in hits with 18, while Jacob Terwilliger '23 posted an outstanding relief performance to earn his first career win. The Bison's top of the lineup of Lyons, Sherwin, Voytovich and Jacob Corson '24 combined to go 13-for-16 with nine RBIs in the victory. With the score at 9-3 in the third, the Mountain Hawks came back in the next two innings bringing the score to 9-7. At this point in the fourth inning, they brought Terwilliger in to relieve Austin Odell '22 and finish out the game. Corson came up big in the end of the game and finished with a career high of four hits and six RBIs, leaving the final score at 14-8. Despite another double-digit performance in hits by the squad, the Bison were limited in

game two, leaving 10 players on base in a 5-4 defeat to Lehigh. Voytovich's first career home run brought the Bison within one run in the ninth inning. Ben Magovern '25 set a new career high with seven strikeouts and was followed by relief pitcher Andrew Funovits '22, who kept the Bison in the game at the end. Tyler Dunn '25 went 3-for-4 on the day for his first three-hit game of his career. Lowery, Corson, Voytovich and Lyons each added two hits, while Voytovich's two-RBI game was his seventh game this season with multiple RBIs. Dunn, who was selected the Patriot League Rookie of the Week said, "This weekend was another hard fought weekend on both days. We faced a lot of difficult situations that will definitely better us for later in the season. It's always good to split a series on the road and our guys are bringing great energy which we will need in the closing weeks." The Bison travel to Penn State this Wednesday April 6 for a midweek game against the Nittany Lions.

Women's Water Polo goes 1-1 on the weekend

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The Bison women's water polo team went 1-1 in their games this past weekend against Mount St. Mary's and Michigan on Saturday April 3. While the Bison pulled off a 7-4 victory against the Mount, they could not hold off the Wolverines' attack, falling 7-14. The Orange and Blue now sit at 9-13 on the season and 3-7 in the CWP. The first of the games was an exciting victory for the Bison, as the defense held the Mount to a season low of four goals. The Orange and Blue got on the board early, with four goals coming from four different goal-scorers: Paige Furano '22, Chloe Smith '23, Bella Moynihan '23 and Larissa Hodzic '22. The defense remained strong, keeping the Mount off of the board until just over the five minute mark of the second quarter. Hodzic scored her second goal of the night right before halftime, giving the Bison a 5-1 lead at the break. The Mount came out much stronger in the second half, outscoring the Bison 2-1 in the third quarter. It was Hodzic's third goal

of the night at the end of the third quarter that was critical, maintaining the Bison's lead, 6-3. In the final quarter, the Orange and Blue held Mount St. Mary's to one goal while Emma Molaski '24 slotted away a late one, securing the 7-4 victory. In the second match-up of the day, the Orange and Blue were quickly met by the strategic Wolverines, who led 4-1 after the first quarter, which was their smallest margin of victory throughout the game. Caroline Oates '25 was able to find the back of the net for the Bison in the second quarter, but this was not enough to stop the Wolverine attack, which managed to score an additional three goals in the second quarter, leading the Bison 7-2 at the half. Isabelle Monaghan '24 completed a hat trick in the second half, along with goals from Smith and Molaski. This finished off the Bison's scoring for the night, as they continued to defend the Wolverines until the final whistle. Despite the 7-14 loss, the Bison battled until the end.

In speaking with Hodzic, she expressed how well the games went. She acknowledged how the "Mount St. Mary's game was a big win for us as it was a league game and it was an opportunity for the team to put together everything we've been building on throughout the last couple of weeks." Hodzic acknowledged that "Michigan has some of the top collegiate athletes in the nation, so it's always a tough battle when we face off against them." "Although we couldn't walk away with a win, we were able to put away some big shots on offense and big stops on defense to keep a closer game as opposed to the last time we played them," she added. The team continues preparations for their remaining league games and looks forward to finishing the season on a high note. The Bison close out their regular season on the road at Harvard on April 9 at 3 p.m., followed by Brown on April 10 at 9 a.m. The Orange and Blue will then host the CWP championship the weekend of April 22-24.

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The Case For Dune

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Contributing Writer

I read Frank Herbert's "Dune" for the first time during the lockdown. It is my mother's favorite book, and it was her well-worn paperback copy that I read and re-read. I lost myself in this world of intrigue, mysticism and harsh natural landscapes that Herbert created in the pages of this novel. I saw Denis Villeneuve's adaptation for the first time at the Campus Theatre last semester. I remember the room going dark, a black screen and an alien voice shaking the walls, with the translated subtitle reading "Dreams are messages from the deep". A chill coursed through my body. For the next two and a half hours, Villeneuve took me back to Arrakis, the planet Dune, to bear witness to Paul Atreides' transformative journey on the sands of that world. I was surprised and disappointed to learn that this monumental film did not win a major Academy Award this year.

Villeneuve's "Dune" is a monolithic masterpiece in science-fiction filmmaking. It captured for me the experience of reading the book for the first time. If you are a book nerd like myself, you know what a rare occurrence it is when a movie does that. This film was so perfect and so moving that I cried three separate times while watching it. Villeneuve has proved his directorial chops time and again with films like "Blade

Runner: 2049" and "Arrival". He is a science-fiction visionary, able to create whole other worlds that surround you and enclose you with light, sound and motion that arrests you and transports you.

"Dune" was met with generally good critical and audience reviews and grossed something around \$400.7 million in global ticket sales. It is a visual masterpiece. The sound design is unlike anything to grace the screen before. Hans Zimmer's score is unlike anything that he or anyone has ever produced. On top of all of this, it is one of the most visionary and true-to-form science fiction adaptations in decades.

As was to be expected, "Dune" was nominated for 10 Academy Awards: Best Picture, Best Original Score, Best Visual Effects, Best Sound, Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Cinematography, Best Production Design, Best Costume Design, Best Film Editing, and Best Makeup and Hairstyling. Of these 10, the film carried home six Oscars for cinematography, editing, score, visual effects, production design, and sound. These are all technical categories, and this should come as no surprise as science-fiction films typically do very well in these categories. But let us be frank for a second – the technical categories are not the ones that people pay the most attention to. The really valued awards are Best Picture, Best Director, Best Leading Actor, etc.. These are the awards given to those filmmakers who show true excellence in their craft. This is not to downplay technical

categories, but those awards do not celebrate the power of storytelling in a film.

Science-fiction films have almost never won in these categories that reward films for excellent storytelling. In fact, getting even nominated is a relatively new phenomenon. Guillermo del Toro's "The Shape of Water" did bring home Best Picture in 2018, but this film has more in common with the Fantasy and Horror genres than with science-fiction. It is a high bar for science-fiction in general, not only in films, to prove itself as an elevated and valuable form of storytelling in the modern world. People think of science-fiction still as ray guns and aliens and as being a cheap, pulpy type of storytelling. This is a misconception about science-fiction, and certainly of stories like "Dune." Science fiction is a genre that puts a mirror up to mankind and our relationship to science and technology. It calls us to examine and re-examine our reciprocal relationship of change with science and technology, and, more importantly, our relationship with the larger spheres of our reality that surround us. Now more than ever, we need literature that asks us to re-examine these parts of our modern society and their often harmful effects on us materially and spiritually. H.G. Wells knew this, Octavia Butler knew this and Frank Herbert certainly knew this. This type of storytelling is of inestimable value, and it is time that the Academy recognizes this.

The Nightmare that is Student Parking

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Contributing Writer

One commonality among the University student body is the dread of Tuesday and Wednesday mornings: street cleaning days. Nothing replicates the rush of adrenaline and anger one feels when peaking outside their window early in the morning only to see P-safe parked beside their car, pulling out a ticket. Not to mention the hefty price of a ticket alone, often around \$50-100, racks up a hefty strain on students' finances and truly makes the price of mobility a costly one.

Students living in affinity houses face an especially frustrating parking situation in light of street cleaning. Affinity houses like the Outhouse have street parking available to them, but find themselves consistently ticketed when moving their cars around to the back of their house during street-cleaning times. Where does the University expect them to park? Parking should be a convenient and accessible commodity on campus, not a major stressor in student's lives.

For students without access to a car – a demographic that includes a significant portion of the University population – campus is ever-more isolating in its lack of transport options. Students can often be spotted trekking across Highway 15 to Giant, just about the only walkable grocery store in the area, to stock up on toiletries, snacks and reasonably-priced school supplies. The Downtown shuttle is one of the only automobile transportation options available to first-years, and although it runs Monday through Friday, it often adds unnecessary travel time (given its multiple stops) to what would otherwise be a quick trip. Even so, this severely limits the freedom of travel to students as the shuttle only stops at its

prescribed destinations, limiting many students' capacity to maintain a consistent supply of living necessities. Currently, the best bets for traveling freedom hinge on either sneaking an unregistered car on campus or buddying up with someone with access to one.

Students without access to cars, first-years and beyond, need more transportation options. Whatever happened to ZipCar? The University should make an effort to bring car sharing services back to campus in light of the lack of opportunity to travel freely, which would also decrease the likelihood of students smuggling unregistered cars back to campus.

Moreover, while student parking passes are attainable for non-first years with vehicles, they seem to never quite align with student residence. Too many students find themselves walking upwards of ten minutes from their dorm to their assigned parking space, a futility on the part of student parking that takes unnecessary time from student's busy schedules.

To top it off, the uphill parking scene at the University is atrocious, for students and staff alike. There's almost no point in driving to class when the time taken to find a parking space outweighs the commute itself. The likelihood of hearing a professor complain about having to find parking is high given the limited number of available spaces and the quick rate at which they fill up. Consequently, the intersection outside of the ELC has become a particularly volatile one in light of the rush to be on time to class and also find an open space. The University needs to invest in more uphill parking, we are just trying to get to class on time.

University Parking is in desperate need of reform and with the costly price of attendance, and the University has an obligation to do better on their part.

Morbius, Moon Knight, and the Future of Marvel

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Contributing Writer

It feels like every week we're hearing information and rumors about a new Marvel project that's in development, filming, or being released. Just in the past couple of weeks we've gotten two new superhero properties with the film Morbius and the Disney Plus show Moon Knight. By the end of 2022 alone, there will be over ten different superhero films or television projects that would have come out. It's clear that ever since the rise of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) starting in 2008, the superhero craze has completely exploded with an astounding amount of releases a single year. Going from around two-to-three superhero film releases each year to this new release timeline is honestly a bit overwhelming. While many of these projects are high-quality and have brought new cinematic attributes to the genre, there's no denying that a lot of junk is starting to be released. While shows like WandaVision brought new light to the superhero genre, movies like Morbius or even some of the more recent MCU movies are beginning to show the cracks in the wall. Even as someone who watches every new superhero release that comes out, it's clear to me that the future of these properties could be in danger due to the sheer abundance of content that's coming out, and could lead to the downfall of modern superhero films.

One aspect of the MCU that has always been so appealing to fans is all of the films' connections. These characters could run into each other for any reason and collaborate in each other's films and shows. After Spider-Man: No Way Home, Sony Marvel could also be fair game for potential crossover. This was great when you only needed to watch around ten films to catch up to the webbed story—which is still hefty, but manageable. Now, take all of the current MCU films, Sony films, Disney Plus shows, Netflix shows, and all of the other side content associated with these live action characters. Some hardcore fans may be willing to binge through this content multiple times a year, but think about the new fans whose interest is just emerging. An average person probably isn't going to want to start from the beginning of all of these properties to catch up to now. At this point in the universe,

it's hard to justify not watching everything else in the MCU, given that so many plot points nowadays are reliant on the background of the other movies and TV shows provide. It's admittedly intimidating and, sometimes, boring. As much as I'm a fan of these movies and shows, there have been many low points in terms of quality. I personally wouldn't want anyone to watch Thor: The Dark World or Iron Fist and feel I wasted two hours for a stepping stone.

After watching both Morbius and Moon Knight this past week, I think I can see the future of superhero entertainment. Some properties are gonna be genuinely quality products that stand out and will bring great attention and praise, and others will fall below the bar and join the pile of subpar products released in the last five years. At this point, there's going to be too much content for even the most hardcore of fans. Eventually, people may just get bored of the constant stream of new heroes and villains. These characters used to be special and it's a shame because now we're getting more representation in these films and shows than ever, but it just came too late. I think sooner later than later, the superhero genre may be snapped away.

Ross lecture highlights racial, sexual realities of PWIs

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Contributing Writer

Last week, author and educator Lawrence Ross visited the University's Weis Center to deliver a presentation about racism within the Greek System. Ross received a BA in History from UCLA, and an MFA in screenwriting from the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television. He has authored two books; "The Divide Nine: The History of African American Fraternities and Sororities" explores the history of historically black sororities and fraternities, and "Blackballed: The Black and White Politics of Race on America's Campuses" illustrates how the legacy of racism manifests in institutions of higher education, particularly within the Greek System. Ross' interactive presentation provided blunt but insightful commentary on the continuing impacts that white supremacy has on our educational and social institutions, and promoted an alternative to the current system, which would include inter-organizational

dialogue, accountability and a reimagining of education surrounding race.

Ross aptly pointed out the common misconception that institutions of higher education are a utopia of learning and egalitarianism, saying "the same issues in society come to us in college." Ross continued to explain that this claim is evidenced by rising rates of hate crimes on college campuses targeting racial minorities. He also argued that administrative approaches to dealing with these incidents are insufficient, describing the typical college president as "reactive" rather than "proactive" when it comes to holding perpetrators accountable and conducting thorough investigations into broader cultural issues on campus that lead to these inexcusable acts.

In the middle of his presentation, Ross had students engage in an interactive activity. He identified each racial identity represented on campus, and asked everyone with that identity to stand up. He called on white students to stand, and then

subsequently asked them to point at an African American student that they saw sitting in the audience. Initially, I found this exercise to be uncomfortable and even offensive. But, I ultimately realized that this was the point. Ross later made clear that the purpose of the activity was to highlight an uncomfortable reality about race. He said, "we don't ask white people to identify by race. When we talk about whiteness we talk about the individual, or the 'default American'". This really struck me. As a white student on campus at a P.W.I., I don't often think about my race and how that impacts my positionality on campus. In Ross' eyes, that is where the issue lies; casual ignorance about the role race plays in social dynamics on campus will only perpetuate a cycle that leads to exclusion and harm.

While some see the Greek system as irredeemable and movements like #AbolishGreekLife have called on universities to part ways with the IFC, Lawrence Ross posited that there can be institutional reforms made to make the Greek system more compatible with an evolving social landscape across American campuses. The role that some fraternities and sororities have played in various social movements through fundraising and educational campaigns is an example of how Greek life can harness its power and influence over college campuses and beyond for social good. Though these actions have created positive effects for the communities surrounding these Greek organizations, it is equally as important that these plans are executed in meaningful ways – used not only to redeem the Greek system, but to create positive and lasting change for all in the campus community and beyond.

I think we can all agree that the University can do better when it comes to talking about race in an honest and productive manner, particularly within Greek organizations. So, I urge all chapter leaders and members of Greek life to put Lawrence Ross' words into action in order to make our campus a better place for everyone.

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Dear Music Person

As I am sitting at my desk, frustrated, I now realize I do not have an answer to the question I wished to make the very theme of this article which has now found its way into your curious hands. I am willing to admit that my originally-simple topic has turned out to be quite the opposite. As my editor described to me the gist of the article, I had thought writing it would be an easy task. I see now I was wrong. What I had hoped was to dazzle my reader with wonderful words describing what music is and what music means in my opening remarks, but I now understand that my mistake lies in trying to define something that is recognizably indefinable. I suppose asking someone to describe music would be similar to asking them to describe life- infinitely describable while being all the while indescribable.

So I will not bother trying to describe what it is that happens to us while those arranged notes we call music run their course, and I will instead describe to you what it felt like walking into the Rooke Recital Hall on the University's campus many nights ago for the first of the six performances. The night's event, "Hammer and Klavier," rightfully named after the marimba (Hammer) and the piano (Klavier), which were the performance's featured instruments, was like nothing I'd ever seen. I must also note that the two pianos of this performance were played by no other than two of the University's own talented piano instructors, Sezi Seskir and Qing Jiang. Let the reader be assured that it is not my habit to dish out compliments where they do not seem to belong, however, the event that took place at Rooke Recital Hall on March 24 was, in my opinion, nothing short of exceptional. University members, I do believe you should be proud of your faculty.

I wish I could describe it in better terms, however, there is a scene from a Broadway show I enjoyed where a waltz takes place and, rather than filling the stage with actors, only a small few remained on stage while projectors painted the walls of the theater with dancing specters. I remember sitting in the seats of that theater listening to the orchestra's skilled pianist and watching the walls move with every note, as I sat similarly in the seats of Rooke Recital Hall and felt a very similar feeling. I know there were no projectors in the University's hall, however, I feel as though dancing men and women filled the walls, seeming to emanate from the very pianos themselves.

American Sound is the product of musical minds on campus who wanted to celebrate the unique music and unique musical development of the nation. It is "no one thing, but rather an idea that America has had so many artists past and present working in different styles. On the one hand, they feel discreet, but on the other hand, they all seem to be cut from a larger cultural cloth or fabric," Assistant Professor of Music Daniel Temkin said. The six-concert events feature a wide array of students, faculty, alumni and guest performers working in unison to make the festival a raging success.

Although you did not come here for an opinion piece, that is another section of the paper, I am going to give mine anyway. The event I attended was electric and it made me excited, not that I was hearing something new, but that what I was hearing and what was new to me actually had a long and rich history in the nation. You are never too old to hear new instruments for the first time. The final two events of the festival will take place this weekend on Saturday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the music department and the day after on Sunday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall.

Earlier I admitted that I could not satisfy the reader in definitively answering the elusive "what is music" question and while one description will vary from the next and that from the next, sometimes we authors find ourselves in the extraordinary position where we do not always have to write everything you readers see on the page before you. Two University students, one previous and one current, and Assistant Professor of Music Qing Jiang have offered up what music means to them: "I feel the emotions of the piece take over my body and allow me to fully immerse myself into the colors of the sounds. It helps me to escape the world and enter an imaginary place where these colors paint a picture in my mind. I could never live without music in my life; it is my way to take a break from all of the stresses and worries of daily life and lets me express myself in my own way. Music is a means of exploring all the different musical possibilities composers have unearthed," Olivia Peters '24 said. Between modern and contemporary music "musicians are able to discover new soundscapes and write them into something I am able to reproduce myself," Brittany Garcia '18 said.

Finally, Professor Jiang herself spoke to us, and, while it is unusual to insert full, unabridged quotes into short pieces such as this, I felt that for the content and the feeling behind each of her words I could not bring myself to alter it. "For me as a performing and teaching musician, music is about sharing with the community, music is about communicating one's stories and emotions. It is a universal language for me to interact with people from all over the world. Music is also about finding one's voice and identity, for me, through performing and teaching. It takes us to any known or unknown places, and states of emotions through the imaginations of the composers," Professor Jiang said.

These descriptions might not fit for you and might not have been able to express what music means to each of you, but something tells me that while reading this article you spent some time thinking about it to yourself, whether intentional or not. Maybe you thought about those nights where as a child you couldn't sleep on account of the rain and your mom came into your room to sing the fright away. Maybe you miss the sound of your grandfather playing on his piano when company would visit or your high school best friend who used to sing unapologetically to the car radio anytime you drove to the mall or to the movies. Some of us even have the great pleasure of making our own music, whether, through instruments, the rhythmic tapping of our fingers on wooden desks when we grow irritable, or during the watery concerts we put on in our showers, and some of us need only to hear a sad note or to overhear a rather chatty conversation between the morning birds to appreciate all it has to offer.

Whatever your reason, whatever your passion, we understand you because we're music people too. See you at the concert.

Sophia Ippolito '25



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All finalists take home cash, "Innovation" award created for this year's BizPitch

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On April 12, five enterprising University students pitched ideas for new businesses to a panel of judges in a "Shark Tank"-style campus competition.

Held in the Terrace Room, the annual "BizPitch" event drew over 100 guests and attendees, both over Zoom and in-person. Steve Stumbris, Director of the University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC), provided introductory remarks.

"That's what we're to talk about, and that's what we're here to celebrate tonight: the very youngest entrepreneurs that our [Small Business Development Center] has been serving," Stumbris said.

After those introductions, the competition quickly got under way.

Students presented brief presentations for their startups, and then faced questions from the panel of judges. This year's included Luis Davila '03, the CEO of CTI Global, Winnie Okello '10, a senior civil engineer with

PennDOT and Dylan Lissette P'21, P'23, the CEO of Utz Brands.

Leading was Olivia DeNicola '22, who presented Crunch, a platform to serve as a dating app between new-grad job applicants and future employers.

"If Crunch wins BizPitch," DeNicola said, "we can take this idea to the next level: we use the money to get coding resources, to launch and develop the beta version of the app." She fielded questions about possible competition from Handshake and LinkedIn, and clarified the platform's potential to draw in employers through the current job market.

Cuong Nguyen '23 followed by pitching AUGART, a platform for young artists to showcase and sell their 3D creations. Designed to implement geofencing similar to Pokémon Go, he distinguished it from competitors by its accessibility and "freemium" pricing plan.

Nguyen also discussed his plans to partner with universities

and mentioned the possibility of integrating the platform with non-fungible tokens.

"AUGART is the future, and I'm asking you all to be a part of it," Nguyen said.

Next, Alana Bortman '22 discussed HopShop, a peer-to-peer platform to share and buy clothing. She focused on her idea's unique features compared to Rent the Runway or other competitors: a lower cost entry level, more flexible liability policies, and integration services like laundering clothes to expedite exchanges for college students.

Bortman plans to initially target a few colleges, as "There is a wide open market out there, and this is something that can really revolutionize fashion," Bortman said.

Chemical engineering major Sam Sloan '22 pitched Frost X Glass, an annual coating for car windshields designed to ward off the layers of frost common to Northeast winters. Emphasizing a proprietary formula that she's

developing, Sloan shared her strategy of filing for a patent concurrently with beginning to manufacture the product.

Sloan leaned into her manufacturing experience, and made the case that the product could go into production as early as next year.

Maya Brown '22 wrapped up the pitches with College Buddy, an app targeting college students to allow them to develop healthy, sustainable eating plans.

"Students even come to college expecting to gain the infamous 'freshman 15.' What if this is something that we can end?" Brown said. "Help me take the next step with College Buddy, so that college can be a transformative experience for the body and mind."

The judges connected with Brown's experiences, allowing her to distinguish her plan with an affordable "freemium" pricing model for students, as well

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Humanities Center to host an exploration to Montandon March

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Contributing Writer

On April 16, the University's Humanities Center will host an event "Exploring Montandon Marsh."

Claire Campbell, Professor of History, and Jeff Trop, Professor of Geology and Environmental Geoscience, will host the organized nature walk on a trail system in Montandon. Most of the free walk will be on a dry trail along the former canal towpath with an option to explore deep into the marsh area; rubber boots are advised for the wetland option.

Attendees should depart individually at 11 a.m., meeting at the parking lot of the Dollar General along Route 45, in Montandon. Professor Campbell will discuss the human and environmental history of waterways of the Susquehanna Valley during the trip. This includes a canal system that borders the Montandon Wetlands conservation easement. Additionally, Professor Trop will summarize the site's geology, including the recent history and diverse life associated with the wetlands and sand dunes, as well as threatened spadefoot toads.

Attendees will have an option to explore deep into the marsh area, or simply stick to the dry trail area. If you plan to explore the wetland option, be sure to wear rubber boots.

"This event is part of the 'Living Landscapes' program, which is a partnership between the Humanities Center and the

Merrill Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy, designed to draw attention to the work of the Conservancy, the rich environmental history of this region, and the ways in which the humanities and the natural sciences can work together to raise public awareness of the health of our local landscapes," Professor Campbell said.

Professor Campbell said that the Humanities Center's first event was a bicycle ride along the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail last November, which was followed by a guided tour of the Koons Trail in Mifflinburg.

"This event visits the Conservancy's most recent acquisition, an important wetland in Montandon that borders the old route of the Pennsylvania West Branch Canal and a working quarry," Professor Campbell said. "The canal ran along the Susquehanna for much of the nineteenth century and is a wonderful artifact of the industrial era in this region. So I'll be talking a bit about the canal and what it represents, while Prof. Trop will be talking about the natural features of the wetland and the role of the Conservancy in its stewardship."

Professor Campbell reiterated that all students should feel welcome and can keep an eye out for these public environmental humanities events sponsored by the Humanities Center, like Living Landscapes and Nature's Explorers (with the Children's Museum).

LACOS' Carnaval brings colorful celebration to campus

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This year's LACOS (Latin Alliance for Community and Opportunity for Students) Gala was filled with dancing, music, poetry, food and art embracing Latine culture and identity. Flags, feathers, beads, flowers and "papel picado" adorned Larison Dining in the vibrant and colorful spirit of this year's theme: Carnaval.

Carnaval is a Catholic festival that began in Latin America in the 1830s following the Portuguese tradition of celebration before the first day of Lent. It is a popular and significant celebration in Latin American and the Caribbean, though it is celebrated differently in each country. Carnaval season stretches from late January to early March during the time leading up to Lent. The gala theme changes

annually and is voted on by the LACOS members.

"Carnaval is a very colorful and joyous tradition... It is a very huge celebration and for me, it means inclusivity and representation. All we want to do is to be able to celebrate our culture with others and be able to bring the theme to life. We always strive to make anyone feel welcomed with our events and what better way than to join us in a huge celebration that represents our culture," Joselyn Perdomo '22 said, current LACOS President.

After welcoming remarks from the Perdomo and upcoming LACOS President Jada Lopez '24, Margarita Torres '22 read a couple of her poems about the immigration process, connecting with Mexican culture and finding her voice. Following that, dressed in vibrant colors reminiscent of the bright colors of Carnaval,

14 LACOS members performed "La Magica de Carnaval." This dance consisted of Bachata, Salsa and freestyle, all choreographed by members Gabby Diaz '25, Tales Carneiro Passos '25 and Dani Perdomo-Chavez '25, while the music featured four different musical genres: Latin Pop, Reggaeton, Bachata and Salsa.

"We wanted to make sure that each art form was depicted in the gala whether that be with poetry, dancing, or singing. The performers put so much work into their pieces and even LACOS members themselves took time out of their weeks to practice their performances. It was so nice to see everyone enjoy the GALA and all the aspects it had to offer," Lopez said.

The event then featured a live musical performance of

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breaking the bubble

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News Co-Editor

DOMESTIC

According to CNN, police have arrested Frank R. James, 62, in connection with the Brooklyn subway shooting. The attacker shot 10 people on a subway train on April 12 while wearing a gas mask and filled the train car with smoke before his assault. It was reported that he had rented a U-Haul van in Philadelphia, the key to which was discovered in belongings found on the train that is believed to have been owned by the gunman. The van was later found abandoned about five blocks away from Kings Highway Station—where the gunman entered the subway.

The Biden Administration plans to extend a mandate requiring travelers to wear masks on airplanes, trains and transit hubs, according to Reuters. Since 2021, when the mandate was first ordered, it has been extended on multiple occasions by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and enforced by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

INTERNATIONAL

Confusion surrounds the state of the besieged port of Mariupol. According to the BBC, Russian authorities claim that more than 1,000 Ukrainian marines surrendered in the port. Ukraine denies this though, with the city's Deputy Mayor, Serhiy Orlov, telling the BBC that their troops are still fighting. Russia has backed their claims with footage that they say shows marines surrendering, but Ukraine insists that the soldiers have actually advanced ground in Mariupol.

A large outbreak of COVID-19 has left Shanghai, China in a 17-day lockdown period that keeps most of its population of 25 million locked in their homes, according to CNN Business. Shanghai is not the only city being affected in China. 45 other Chinese cities have either a full or partial lockdown in place to deal with the new wave. According to CNN Business, many officials worry about the economic implications of the lockdowns.

ALL FINALISTS TAKE HOME CASH, "INNOVATION" AWARD CREATED FOR THIS YEAR'S BIZPITCH

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as proposing brand partnerships with local retailers.

As the pitches were concluded, judges were ushered into a separate room. After a few minutes the results were announced.

Crunch won first place for the night, with DeNicola earning \$3,000 in prize money.

College Buddy earned the "Changemaker" award, set aside for the idea that has the most potential to make meaningful change in the community and world, as well as third place, totaling \$2,000 in prize money between the two awards.

Frost X Glass took home the "Fan Favorite" award — selected from the results of an online poll — as well as second place, raking in a combined \$3,000.

Interim Dean of Engineering Erin Jablonski and Professor of Management & Entrepreneurship Bill Meek also presented the newly-created "Innovation" awards, in honor of BizPitch's 10th year.

"This ability to get up, pitch your ideas, it's a life skill," Meek said.

AUGART got the first "Innovation" award and HopShop won the second, netting \$1,000 each.

In sum, all finalists won some money in turn for their efforts.

Lisette, the Utz CEO, shared the benefits of the SBDC: "It's a great resource for students to learn, and it's also a great resource for the community," Lisette said.

"BizPitch really taught me to enjoy public speaking and talking to an audience, along with sharing my ideas, but as well as asking crucial questions about the business that I want to develop," Brown said.

DeNicola spoke similarly, emphasizing the impact of the coaching and development that the SBDC offers. "I would say it gave me a lot of skills that I'll definitely use as I grow." Thanking her mom and student collaborators for her success, DeNicola added, "Just knowing you can do something

like [BizPitch], even if it doesn't go as planned, it prepares you better for the next time you're in front of a roomful of people and have to speak," DeNicola explained, "which is definitely a life skill you need to have."

If someone's on the fence about participating next year, Brown adds, "I would say 'Just Do It,' like Nike. I wasn't sure about doing this in the first place at all: I literally showed up in a sweatshirt to the preliminary round." But, she said, all that is to say "I'm so proud to be here today," Brown said.

"BizPitch is just different," Bortman said. "You get to challenge yourself, put yourself out there, you get the guidance and space to grow and succeed. That can even turn into you making something real, changing people's lives, whether that be in a large or small way."

"It was a great opportunity, and something I'm proud and grateful to have been a part of," Bortman said.



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5 things to put on your to-do list

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Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity and Gender faculty colloquium

On April 19 at 4:30 p.m. in the Hislop Family Auditorium of Holmes Hall, Eddy López, Art and Art History, will discuss his current print projects where "he explores issues of identity and the power of memory," according to the April 13 Message Center posting. The event is titled, "Broken Images: Identity, Memory, and Print Media in a Time of Crisis."

Pennsylvania Young Women in Physics (PA YWiP) Conference

Local Lewisburg High School students, along with University physics faculty members, will host a Pa. Young Women in Physics Conference on April 23 from 10:30 a.m. – 1:10 p.m. The conference will be held virtually. According to the Message Center Posting on April 12, the event is meant to "expose attendees to successful female role models, to nurture a passion for physics (and STEM), and to address the issue of gender bias in scientific communities." Attendees must register through the link included in the posting.

Student Advisory Committee for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Applications

Applications for the Student Advisory Committee for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion are due today, April 15. Those interested should apply using the QR code found in Brent Papson's campus-wide email from April 7. Any questions can be directed to Anaya Benzan at akb018@bucknell.edu.

Bison Con Spring 2022

C.A.L.V.I.N. & H.O.B.B.E.S., Anime Club, Bucknell eSports and Bison Beatbox are hosting their Bison Con Spring 2022 event on April 23 at 6 p.m. in the Macdonald Commons. There will be free food, music video games, board games and more, according to their flier.

Home Athletic Events

There are plenty of home athletic events for students to attend. Over this weekend, the men's and women's track & field team is hosting their Bison Outdoor Classic until April 16, with events spread throughout the day. Women's Rowing faces Eastern Michigan, Villanova and Connecticut at home on April 16. Women's golf has their Patriot League Championship on April 16 in Annapolis, Md., but those still in Lewisburg can stream the event on the Patriot League website. Student athletes of other teams are traveling this weekend, with the full schedule listed on the Bucknell Bison website.



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Over 120 students present research at Kalman Symposium

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On April 9, the University held the 2022 Kalman Symposium on the first and second floors of Academic West from 3:30–5:30 p.m.

At the event, over 120 student researchers were able to present their findings through poster and oral presentation sessions through three different time slots: 3:30–5:30 p.m., 3:45–4:30 p.m. or 4–5:30 p.m. From physics and astronomy to English literary studies and economics, many different academic departments were represented through the presentations.

Provost Elisabeth Mermann-Jozwiak was present to kick off the event with opening remarks.

Angela Lai '22, majoring in anthropology with a minor in chemistry, participated in the 3:45–4:30 oral presentation session.

"My group has been researching the control over active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) crystallization, which continues to be a major challenge in drug formulation, primarily due to molecular polymorphism, or the ability of a compound to exist in different packing structures within the solid state," Lai said. "The differences in polymorphic form

impact important drug-delivery properties such as solubility, and polymorph selectivity is highly dependent on the crystallization conditions. We examine acetaminophen as an ideal model system."

Lai, a central New Jersey native, said she is part of a scholarship program that has allowed her to pursue research since the fall of 2018, the beginning of her time at the University. She wasn't required to present her research, which meant she needed to go through the regular application process to do so.

"I thought it was great that Bucknell was offering a chance for students to showcase their hard work and time spent with professors and faculty," she said. "I think being recognized for research and advocating for student involvement is a great way to attract student interests and participation."

Other students shared a similar sentiment.

Isabelle Levesque-Du Bose '23, an animal behavior major with a minor in dance, worked on her research for only three months this past summer, but her research partner, Peter Foradora '22, continued the

work through the fall semester. Still, Levesque-Du Bose presented the research alone because her partner was not on campus this semester.

"I researched the size and morphometrics on river freshwater mussels *Elliptio complanata* in the Susquehanna River and its relation to the species' sex," she said. "With this, we were attempting to determine whether there's a correlation between sex and size for the mussels, a species which little research has been conducted upon."

Levesque-Du Bose said that not only did this research help her gain hands-on experience with field research methods, it helped her clarify some of her career goals.

"Additionally, the implications for our findings extend to the immediate community at Bucknell, as the health of the Susquehanna River is greatly influenced by the survival of these freshwater mussels. In this way, I was able to position my research and observe the greater effects it would have beyond the lab, which made the work I was doing feel all the more gratifying," she said.



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Study strategies for final exams

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Contributing Writer

With the end of the semester quickly approaching, many students are beginning to feel increased stress about grades and final exams. Final exams, culminating course projects or final papers can prompt students to feel very anxious, especially when these exams, papers and projects compose a large chunk of students' grades. It's easy to feel overwhelmed this time of year, but there are resources on campus and tools that students can utilize to make these last few weeks of school as stress-free as possible.

When it comes to exams and final projects, students shouldn't expect to be able to completely transform their grades with a single assignment — especially if they've missed several classes and failed to keep up with homework assignments. Although it might be annoying to hear, and unhelpful for students who may have spent part of the semester slacking, one of the best ways to prepare for exams is to have been an active student during the semester. Relatedly, students should set reasonable goals for

how they expect to do on these exams, projects and papers.

"Our biggest piece of advice for doing well on final assignments is not about content," Laura Lanwermyer, TLC Interim Co-Director for Student Learning Support said. "Students should first identify their goals with intention — meaning identify strengths and weaknesses as well as possible barriers and resources to overcome them — and then make a plan to reach those goals."

Setting goals and making a plan to help reach those goals is a good strategy for students, especially if they don't know where to start. Similarly, thinking about these final assignments now rather than the days before they are due can make a big difference. Putting in a little work ahead of time can save a lot of stress when assignments are due.

"Our overall goal for students is that they 'Work Smarter,'" Lanwermyer said.

The TLC offers a variety of tools for students that are available on the University website. Some of these resources include an informational video "Planning for Finals" as well as "Backwards

Planning for Finals, Spring 2022" which contains study strategies as well as a calendar to help students plan out their studying.

Students who are working on final papers can also head to the Writing Center in Room 110 of the Carnegie Building. The Writing Center can help students at any phase of their writing process and can significantly improve papers and give students useful strategies to improve their writing overall. Appointments can be made online, by phone or simply by walking in.

The end of the semester is a stressful time for everyone, but luckily the University provides students with resources that can help them to prepare for and do well on final assignments. When in doubt, it's always good to start thinking about culminating course projects, papers and exams ahead of time and create concrete goals and plans. Finally, students should remember that not doing as well as you hoped to do in a class isn't the end of the world. Students are more than their grades, and success can be measured in many different ways.

LACOS' CARNAVAL BRINGS COLORFUL CELEBRATION TO CAMPUS

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"La Camisa Negra" by Michelle Gonzalez '25, Tyler Williams '22 and Ian Herdt '22 and poetry readings from Tatiana Roman '22 and Julissa Ortiz Ramos '22 talking about the intersections of womanhood, Latinidad and queerness. Audiences could easily relate to the themes of experiences with love, family, life and even the shortcomings of sex education.

The Bisonettes then performed a mix of hip hop and Caribbean dance style to both Carnaval and Reggaeton music. Diaz followed this with a traditional El Salvadoran folk dance known as Xuc, with both indigenous and African roots. To celebrate their years at the University, the seniors then performed their "Senior Surprise" to a very enthusiastic and energetic crowd to a soundtrack of throwback songs from the early 2000s.

From her time in LACOS as a graduating senior and from this year's gala, Perdomo "learned about the importance of community and acknowledging that you are not alone on this campus. Especially when you find people that are from the same culture as you, you get to build connections with them and share things that you all enjoy such as the food, music, etc.... What I will take moving forward is to never be afraid to show where I come from because we should be proud of it and no one should tell you otherwise. Always celebrate your culture with others!" Perdomo said.

After a poetry reading about self love by Ricky Rodriguez '23 entitled "Una Celebración," Pure Samba Entertainment featured salsa dancers and capoeira performers to really bring the Carnaval theme to life. The dancers had attendees up on their feet and dancing

with them, closing the event with a dynamic and spirited dance circle. They even offered photo-ops at the end of the event in front of the floral LACOS Gala backdrop.

"The most rewarding part of the Gala is seeing everyone enjoy it during the actual event. The round of applause after each performance, the dance circle at the end with the samba dancers and capoeira performers, and all the tears and laughter that came with the ending of our event," Perdomo said.

Outside of the gala, LACOS is a group that works to create a community for Latine students on campus to be represented and to celebrate their culture and identity.

"LACOS is important here because it gives Latine students a home away from home. Most of our members are first-generation college students, including myself, and have a hard time adjusting to the Bucknell culture until they find others they can identify with. Having an organization like this one in which both members and allies can learn about the Latine culture and enjoy the different events we have to offer is important to have on campus and essentially learn from. LACOS makes sure we are not an identity hidden on campus," Lopez said.

"We strive for inclusivity and making sure we are representing all of Latin America and the Caribbean when it comes to our events, especially for our LACOS Gala. For those that attended the LACOS Gala, I hope you were able to see how much work we put into it to make it as best as possible," Perdomo said. "And once again, thank you so much for celebrating our Latine culture with us!"



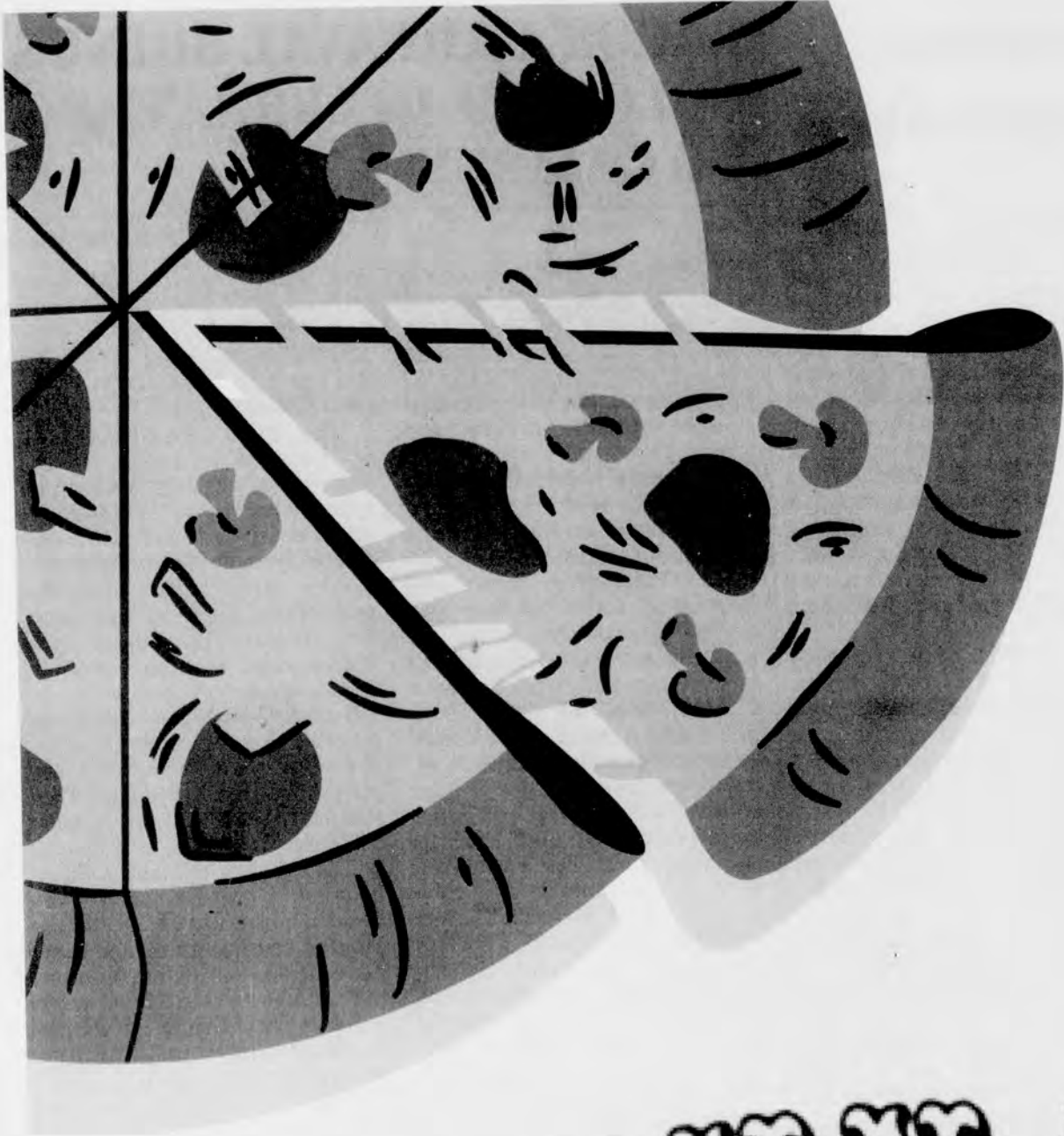
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Music festival on quad as weather gets nice

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Satire Co-Editor

This past week, the University quad was transformed into a three-day music festival with crowds of hundreds of students gathering and taking in the warm weather. After a long cold winter, many University students have been ecstatic to get back outside in the sun for the first time in months. At a mere 75 degrees, students could not contain their joy for summer and began throwing ragers on every patch of green grass on campus.

Each quad had its own music and energy for the nice weather. The main quad was said to have been playing mostly Ed Sheeran and the Science quad is rumored to have been playing the ABC's on repeat for 24 hours straight.

Every Adirondack chair was filled from the hours of 8 a.m. — 8 p.m. One visiting family that walked through

the quad on their tour reportedly announced that they would not send their children here because of the lack of seating.

Professors reported an 85 percent increase in the number of students attending classes on the first day of warm weather. This is an astounding increase especially with consideration to the end-of-semester drop-off in student attendance. Unfortunately, come day two of the sun, many students began skipping class again to attend the various music festivals around campus.

Though the nice weather has brought about spring flowers and high energy, there is a reported winter storm to roll through campus this Sunday. The storm is expected to drop five feet of snow and inevitably send University students back to their rooms.

Neon Niche: Why Mountain Dew is the perfect modern soft drink

Maximus Bean
Satire Co-Editor

A lot of advertisements talked about "Neon Night" last Friday, which served to be a lot of glow-in-the-dark themed activities. I'll be honest, the last "Neon Night" I went to consisted of a Ziploc bag of bioluminescent water, 17 packs of Pop Rocks, and maybe the most stressful game of "hot potato" I've ever had the misfortune of playing. But it got me thinking: Why is neon even a thing? Why is there such a fascination with it?

It glows in the dark, and displays an eye-catching, radical color. While most neon in nature is an example of the classic museum adage "Do Not Touch" (Ex. Poison dart frog, the bitter-tasting stuff leaking from neon signs downtown...), nobody can deny how visually appealing it is. Neon colors officially became "in" in the 1980s (You remember the 80's! It's that time your parents reminisce about because nothing today would ever match it), back when our biggest worry was nuclear annihilation (Ha! Good times) and Pablo Escobar. Then neon continued on

to...well, still be a reminder of the 80s. This, of course, is discounting the greatest development in neon since then: Mountain Dew.

While I am not a paid shill for PepsiCo (That whole "independent journalism" schtick is still holding me back), I do appreciate the "flavor", a.k.a. the actual vibrant-green liquid that might've been made with toxic waste. Mountain Dew has the best of both worlds: the relentless corporatism of chemicals mixed with the radioactive taste of unfettered populism.

Let's be honest here folks. Mountain Dew is the drink we need. After all, a 12-ounce can has zero calories, and a 16.9-ounce bottle only has five. That's what we as a society call "a miracle". It is the active resistance against the mass-marketing machine brainwashing you to live by "healthy" (pesticide-ridden) vegetables and veganism, known locally as "stealing what the herbivores eat". Mountain Dew is everything American about America, because it's green, just like the color of our lakes and rivers.

Let's do the Dew, everybody. I'll see you next time on my hit new podcast, Grasping at Straws (Paper or Plastic?) with Mr. Bean.

Bucky the Bison goes undercover to investigate reports of laxatives in Caf food

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This past Wednesday, our lord and savior Bucky the Bison went deep undercover to investigate claims of a heinous atrocity: laxatives in the caf food. Never in the 176 years since our magnificent university was founded has the campus seen such serious accusations.

Bucky has lived a long and fulfilling life. In his one-hundred and seventy-six years at the University, he has had the opportunity to complete all sixty-eight majors and seventy-one minors offered at the school. These days, Bucky can usually be found traveling the seven continents and using his vast knowledge to help solve utilitarian problems such as world hunger, melting ice caps, forest fires and

Will Smith's troubled marriage with Jada Pinkett Smith.

Fortunately for all students, Bucky had recently been made aware of the caf food crisis after overhearing the following conversation between two freshmen:

"Bro, I couldn't walk straight after that caf food we had yesterday."

"I know, man. I broke the toilet in my dorm. I can't eat there anymore."

"Facts, bro. I spent half of today's class blowing up the bathroom in AC West. Enough is enough."

Bucky, an empath, felt the students' pain and knew what had to be done: he had no choice but to infiltrate the caf's workforce. To get in character, he shaved his beautiful fur coat, lost his sense of hearing, acquired a tobacco

addiction and donned the classic black apron and hat that just never go out of style.

The job was easy to get, Bucky found, as the University does not do any background checks, barely glances at resumes and requires no prior experience.

After working in the caf for a week, however, Bucky had found no evidence of laxatives. The only thing he discovered was how rude the students were to the caf workers. He had served 1,269 meals without receiving a single word or gesture of appreciation.

One lonely Saturday night, however, Bucky learned the truth about the caf food. He finally tried it for himself and immediately realized that no foul play was needed to produce the reported effect...

...the food did the job all on its own.

Recent Covid disinformation event reveals that disinformation is whatever I don't agree with

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On Thursday April 7, COVID experts Dr. Scott Gottlieb and Dr. Marty Makary '93 came to the University to discuss public health policies. Their mission was to dispel much of the fake information regarding masking and social distancing.

Many students attended the presentation. However, few have retained the information from the talk. Many speculate that students in attendance suffered from late semester burnout. Another reason for the students' forgetfulness may be that they were still in recovery from Wednesday night at the time of the meeting. Despite the audience's lack of comprehension, Lye Eyre '24 claims to remember the main points of the presentation. Eyre, a proud anti-masker from the start of the pandemic, reports that "disinformation is whatever I don't agree with." Since the

meeting, he has been heard using this argument to justify licking the serving spoons in the caf because "germs don't exist if you can't see them."

Although Eyre's ideas may seem radical, many students embrace his mindset of labeling facts they don't like as disinformation. When a biology professor with an elder parent living with them asked Don T. Care '23 to pull up his mask, Care responded by questioning the biologist's scientific reasoning for their masking policy. Care stated, "masks are dangerous because they cause you to breathe in your own carbon dioxide, which kills brain cells." While Care combats his professor's "disinformation" with his own science, other students are not so convinced of his reasoning. Shirley U. Care '23 commented that her twin brother Don "seems to have already been lacking in brain cells to come up with that idea."

Other students are using Eyre's rhetoric to make their lives easier

as the semester workload gets harder. Lye Zee '22 has been in the hotel five times for COVID. When his professors questioned why he only got sick during exam times, Zee argued, "the idea that COVID is a virus is disinformation. It's actually caused by stress." Thus, while many students are studying in Bertrand library, Zee spends his days swimming in the over-chlorinated pool and eating continental breakfasts at the Best Western. While Zee has been successful in staying at the hotel, his next check out may be his last, as Student Health has recently become suspicious of Zee's self-proclaimed sickness. Dr. Tee Ruth, on staff at the Health Center, believes that Zee has never had COVID and is actually suffering from "senioritis," whatever that means.

Overall, due to the instances of students abusing Eyre's ideas, people are wondering if his ideas about disinformation are in fact disinformation themselves.

Here's some time periods from the "Through the Decades" event that didn't make the cut

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Out of all of the events on campus this semester, the Campus Activities and Programs (CAP) Center hosts most of them. This Friday is the "Through the Decades" event, wherein the different decades leading up to the 2000's will have different activities based on their respective time period (ex. 80's dance party, 50's era milkshakes, 70's era disco ball plants). However, their tossed-out think tank notes that I dug up from the trash spoke of a few different "decades" that didn't make the cut. Here are five decades that didn't quite make the list, straight from the bison's mouth.

1. The 1940s

This should be fairly obvious why. Our entrance into WWII took up the former half of the decade, but it would have been pretty

neat if there was a little shooting range set up somewhere. We could take potshots at German crosses or test out heavy artillery on the squirrels. Goodness knows those fluffy-tailed rats have it coming.

2. The 2000s

What good came from the 2000s, I wonder? Apart from my birth, the Wii and the flip phone, I'm not too sure. The 2000s was the wild west of the internet days, and it coincided with the rise of reality TV (the only thing that rivals the satire section when it comes to raw authenticity). Clearly the event here was some failed "Survivor" clone that only got canned because it violated social distancing guidelines.

3. The 1930s

The Great Depression happened. The only interesting thing that happened there was all of the mobster stuff going down, with bootlegging and the like. All I see in the notes underneath is:

"No money, no excitement, nothing! Bread lines are so 2020!"

4. The 1860s

Yeah, this wasn't going to make the cut anyways. While the fashion of the times was fairly limited to blue and grey (how drab!), the weaponry was fairly standard as well. You had guns, cannons, horses and you couldn't just send a drone strike out like you can now. The closest thing to that would be air-balloon bombing. Plus, planes wouldn't be a thing until 50 years later in World War I. The CAP Center was absolutely right in trashing this one.

Well, I hope this brief look into the CAP Center's dustbin helped you to see what you were missing out on in terms of content. As for me, I'm going to celebrate in my own way: going to the 1860s. That's right. I'm going back exactly 157 years to the Ford's Theatre showing of "Our American Cousin" on April 14, 1865. I'm sure nothing will go wrong there.

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Bucknell Spring Showcase highlights student talent

Juliana Rodrigues
Staff Writer

Looking for something to do and keep you entertained next weekend? The Bucknell Spring Dance Showcase is making its way back to the Tustin Blackbox Theater on April 22 and 23, for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Spring Showcase has been a part of the Bucknell Dance Program for over 30 years, and its absence these past few years has been felt by many. Dancers, choreographers, crew and staff have been working tirelessly all semester to put together a show that will be worth your while. The show will feature 15 dances choreographed from students of the Dance 262 composition class—taught by Professor of Dance Er-Dong Hu, along with performances from the Bison Girls and Bisonettes, and more. To give deeper insight into what showcase is and the importance it holds within the Bucknell Dance Program we discussed this special event with staff, student directors, choreographers and dancers.

When talking with Professor Hu—who oversees most of the choreographers for the Spring Showcase—he reflected on the importance of this performance compared to past performances. He explained that “This choreographers showcase is different from the fall showcase because it is integrated with the Dance Composition Course. It’s beautiful to witness their choreographic process and to see their creative visions come to life. Though I am very proud of their final product in the process, it is even more special to witness their learning process. We

have also collaborated with [Lecturer of Theatre and Dance Heath] Hansum’s lighting design class to have the experience of merging dance composition with stage lighting. It’s been a great experience. This concert is heavily student-run and gives students the opportunity to exercise leadership skills while celebrating their passion for dance.”

Thinking in the greater world of dance he was also able to share with us the importance of the choreographic process for dancers in training, saying, “It is so important for your dancers to share their work with the community they are a part of. The choreographic process is a way for young dance students to engage in academics and their community while at Bucknell. Their eyes have been opened to so many styles and compositional skills in this process.” Er-Dong’s role within the dance program not only includes teaching classes and choreographing for Main Stage performances, but also being a guiding and mentor figure to these students taking the next steps in their dance careers: choreographing for a real show.

Student Directors of the dance program are a crucial factor for organization throughout the semester and specifically these events. Student Director for 2021-22 Gillian Fabijanic ’22 took time to share her experience with dance and Showcase at the University these past four years. Thinking back to her time as a choreographer for showcase she said, “Dance Composition (DANC262) is a course where students

get to learn all about choreography, production, and they get to design, cast, and choreograph their own piece as their “final project” that gets performed in this show! What I love about Comp is that many of the choreographer’s pieces reflect the type of dancer and person they are so well! It is so rewarding as a choreographer to watch your piece be performed on stage. My favorite memories of the dance department have been from choreographing and setting pieces. It is so much fun and so rewarding to get to work with such talented and kind dancers and to develop friendships over the course of the semester.”

She explained the significance of her new role within the program as a director, “Through dancing on stage and all of the work behind the scenes, I feel like I’ve become so much more of a leader. The Bucknell Dance Program truly is my ‘home away from home’. I loved Showcase so much as a first year that I decided to become more involved with the Dance department. After my first show freshman year, I knew I wanted to choreograph my sophomore year, take dance composition, and minor in dance. As a director, I really hope that I can make the experience of being in Showcase as great as it was for me as an underclassmen. Showcase will always hold a special place in my heart because it is how I became best friends with my now co-director, Dana!”

She was also able to share her final thoughts as to why the showcase is such an important part of dance at the University, “For many students, it is the first

dance production they are involved in. It’s low-stakes, not competitive, and really designed for students that just want to dance and have fun! What I think is so great about it is that it brings so many people across class years, majors, even dance backgrounds together. Whether you’ve been a life-long dancer like me or you have never danced before and you want to try it in college, there is a place for you within this show.”

Dance minor Molly Stirling ’25 shared her experience thus far with the Spring Showcase saying, “I have loved being a part of the Spring Showcase this year! First semester I was in a residency so I learned my dance over one weekend with a guest choreographer. It was such a great experience! This semester has been even more rewarding as the dance composition students choreographed the two pieces I am in throughout the past few months. I was assigned to the pieces of two second year dancers from the composition class. Not only have they been amazing role models within the dance program but also extremely talented dancers and choreographers. I’m so thankful to get to share this showcase experience with them!”

The Bucknell Spring Dance Showcase will premiere next Friday April 22 at 7:30 p.m., with two shows the following day April 23 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Come support the Bucknell Dance Program and see their wonderful creations brought to stage at the Tustin Blackbox Theatre.



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Tennis charges forward

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In two weeks time, a champion will be crowned in the Patriot League when the best of the conference competes to finish off the 2022 spring collegiate season. On the women's side, the Bison have their eyes set on what would be the program's first league championship since 1994.

They will certainly not have their work cut out for them, with juggernauts Boston University and Navy settling into their usual place atop the standings. The Bison picked up a 4-3 win over Lafayette on Saturday, but fell to the Greyhounds of Loyola, 4-3 on Sunday afternoon. The weekend split leaves them jam-packed in the middle of struggle for tournament seeding, with Colgate, Army and Loyola all within one in the win-loss column.

Daniela Bellini '22 continues to be dominant, going 4-0 on the weekend and remaining unbeaten in league action. For the second week in a row, she was named Patriot League Player of the Week.

"I've had so many ups and

downs this year, but I don't think I would have had it any other way," said Bellini. "I feel really good about how we've been playing and I'm excited to spend more time with my teammates during this final stretch. It is going to be extremely difficult to leave the team behind as we've all grown so much together in the past year," Bellini said.

On the men's side, Head Coach Bruce Myers has to be pleased with the direction his squad is trending, having won four out of their last five matches. The Bison fell to a strong Navy side on Saturday, who are still undefeated in conference play and will likely be the one seed and odds-on favorite for the Patriot League Championships.

However, the Bison have proved they can play with anyone, rebounding from their hard-fought loss against Navy to dismantle Loyola on Sunday, 6-1. With three matches left on the regular season schedule (including Lehigh and Lafayette), the next two weeks are crucial for the Bison.

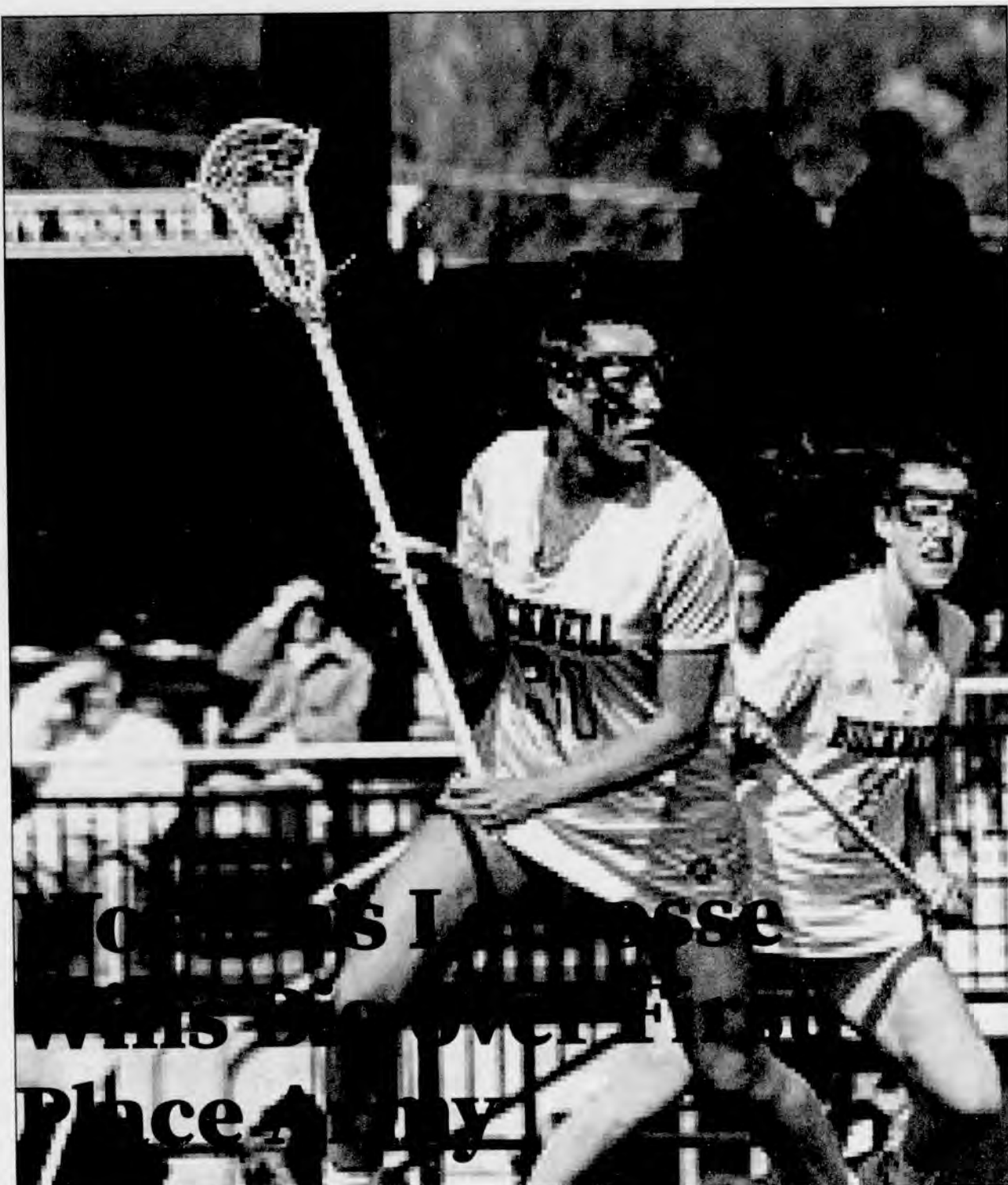


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The Orange and Blue secured a huge win over first-place Army West-Point at Graham Field on Saturday afternoon. The Black Knights entered Saturday's game with a perfect 5-0 record in league play. The Bison went on an 8-1 run in the second-half, never trailing in an 18-12 game. The Orange and Blue improve to 6-6 overall and 3-2 within Patriot League play.

A strong freshman effort

from Tatum Kohlbrener '24 and Allie Boyce '25, each with four goals, propelled the Bison past the Black Knights. Taylor Kopan '24 and Emma Cashwell '22 each added three to the 18-12 victory. Kopan started off the scoring effort by scoring the Orange and Blue's first three goals. The Bison scored a total of 18 goals on 31 shots on the day. Boyce also added two assists, totaling a six point effort.

The Black Knights entered the game averaging a high

of 15.8 goals per game. This average is even higher in Patriot League play at 19.0 goals per game. The Orange and Blue limited the Black Knights to just 12 goals in this game.

The draw control battle leaned in favor of the Bison thanks to eight from Cashwell. This gained the Orange and Blue a lot of time in possession. Caitlin Tucker '22 made nine saves on the day after a return from injury. Abby Neff '22 and Eva Macris '22 combined for five forced turnovers.

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Upcoming Events

Men's and Women's Track and Field

- Bison Outdoor Classic 4/14-4/16

Women's Water Polo

- CWPA Championships 4/22-4/24 (Times TBD)

Softball

- Vs Lehigh on 4/23 at 12pm
- Vs Lehigh on 4/23 at 2pm
- Vs Lehigh on 4/24 at 12pm

Baseball

- Vs Lehigh on 4/23 at 12pm
- Vs Lehigh on 4/23 at 2:30 pm
- Vs Lehigh on 4/24 at 1pm

Men's Tennis

- Vs Lehigh on 4/23 at 2pm

Women's Lacrosse

- Vs Boston University on 4/23 at 2pm

Women's Water Polo edged by Ivy League opponents

Brooke Tracey
Senior Writer

The Bison women's water polo team went 0-2 in their games this past weekend against Harvard on Saturday, April 9 and Brown on Sunday, April 10. While the Bison fought for the entirety of both games, they could not quite outscore their opponents. The Orange and Blue now sit at 9-15 on the season and 3-9 in the CWPA.

In the first game of the weekend, the Bison traveled to Cambridge, Mass. to face No. 19 Harvard Crimson. The Orange and Blue started off the first quarter very strong, leading the Crimson 3-1. After Harvard was able to get on the board in the opening minutes, the Bison found the back of the net three times thanks to Megan LaCroix '23, Paige Furano '22 and Isabelle Monaghan '24. In the second half, each team scored once, giving the Bison a 4-2 entering the half. After the break, the Crimson had a 3-0 run of their own, allowing them to take the lead 5-4. As the third quarter closed out, Caroline Oates '25 scored a goal for the Bison, evening the score at 5-5. In the final quarter of play, the Bison were unable to find the back of the net while Harvard capitalized on two chances in the last eight minutes. The final score was 7-5 in favor of the Crimson.

The Orange and Blue headed to Providence, R.I. for their second game of the weekend against the Brown University Bears. The game remained neck-and-neck throughout its entirety, with each team responding with a goal after conceding. The Bears were

first to get on the board with an early goal, but was quickly met with a goal by Monaghan to tie the game. Another goal from Monaghan later in the quarter would even the game 2-2 after the first. Each team scored one goal in the second quarter, entering halftime still tied at 3-3. Following the break, the Bears scored two quick goals, giving them the largest lead thus far. The Bison then responded with two goals of their own, from Furano and Emma Molaski '24. Both teams remained tied 5-5 at the start of the fourth quarter. Boati Motau '25 was able to get the Bison on the board first, making this their first lead of the day. The Orange and Blue could not hold out the victory, however, as the Bears scored the game with three unanswered goals in the final minutes. The Bison fell by another close margin of 6-8.

"We played two very tough games this weekend and came just shy of winning both times. We played pretty well overall but we were also able to pinpoint what we need to work on moving forward to championships, which is being more aggressive offensively. The next time we go up against Harvard and Brown, which will likely be in two weeks, we'll be more than ready," Sam Gove '23 said.

With the regular season now over, the Bison look ahead to the CWPA Championship, which is being held at home in Kinney Natatorium. First-round games begin on April 22, with the championship scheduled for April 24.

Hannah Stuck
Senior Writer

The Orange and Blue women's rowing team traveled to Saratoga Springs, New York to compete in the Ivy League Invitational. The Bison's varsity eight had their first win in history against Harvard at the competition.

The Orange and Blue Rowing team had two boats of eight and two boats of four in the competition on Saturday. With the Bison competing in the second flight of Varsity Eights, they fell behind Princeton earning a second place finish. Although they didn't beat Princeton, they beat two Ivy League opponents: Harvard-Radcliffe and Cornell. The Orange and Blue finished with a fantastic time of 6:48.038, surpassing Harvard-Radcliffe by 3.6 seconds.

The Bucknellian's own Juliette Gaggini '24 helped lead the Bison to this accomplishment, as the coxswain of the V8+ squad. Crew Erin Sullivan '22, Maddie Wickers '23, Hayden Groves '25, Natalie Kreusch '22, Caroline Brandt '23, Kona Glenn '25, Kate Meerscheidt '22 and Elizabeth Berlinger '23 synced together perfectly to secure a victory.

Crew member Wickers commented about the competition. "I would say that it was a very successful weekend. Going in, we were nervous

but the team as a whole kept their cool especially going up against such competitive teams. Beating Harvard was an awesome feat considering the work we have been putting in!" Wickers said.

The Varsity Eight raced once more in the afternoon, defeating Cornell but falling just behind Yale. Even though the Bison fell to Yale and claimed second place, Yale was the number two ranked team in the nation so the Bison put up a strong fight.

The coxswain of the second V8 was Ollie McDonald '25, accompanied by crew members Georgia Lambrakis '23, Chloe Segal '23, Amanda Pennett '24, Alina Kelly '25, Christina DeMola '23, Caroline Keating '22, Jess Volcheck '22 and Annabelle Kaeli '24.

In the first V4, the coxswain was Ava Rysman '23 accompanied by crew members Abby Gerst '24, Millie Malloy '23, Abby Malek '24 and Elliana Steely '25.

The second V4 had the coxswain Molly Garrahy '24 accompanied by crew members Haley Beardsley '24, Isa Fassio-Bazzi '25, Dehlia Rotchford '24 and Rebecca Watson '25.

The Bison women's rowing team competes against Eastern Michigan, Villanova, and Connecticut on Saturday April 16 on the Susquehanna River.

The Bison Women's Rowing team makes history over the weekend

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

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The Bison defensive effort was strong in the 18-12 victory. The Patriot League leading goal scorer Jolie Riedell did not tally a point against the Bison. She entered the day with 41 goals on the season, but was held to none in the

Bison win.

"I am really proud of the team today and the way we all played together. We gave a complete effort from the starting whistle to the final whistle. This was a huge win for us and gives us a lot of momentum going into

American next weekend," Captain Ella Payer '23 said. The Bison have just four games left in regular season play, three of which are on the road. The Orange and Blue travel to American for a 1 p.m. game on Saturday.

Bison Softball falls to Army and Saint Francis

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Senior Writer

Bison softball started their series Saturday April 9 against Army. Despite their best efforts, they fell 0-3 by the end of Sunday. The team also had a two game series at home against Saint Francis, but was unable to emerge victorious in either game. These losses dropped the team's record to 5-31 on the season and 1-8 in conference play.

The first game of the series ended 5-0 in favor of Army. Both teams started out strong defensively before Army came out with a bang in the third inning. They scored three huge runs to put them in the lead. The Bison were able to get four hits, yet were unable to capitalize with any runs.

Olivia Marinelli '23 had some impressive pitching, who let up only two hits, two runs and a couple walks. Also impressive was the work of Kelly Toomey '22 and Madison Roukey '25. Roukey allowed one hit and walked one.

In the second game of the series, the Bison again remained scoreless until the bottom of the fourth. Four hits in the bottom of the sixth helped shift the momentum. Hits from Nicole Rivait '22 and

Chase Knapp '23 were able to put runners on second and third. Jessie Kincer '25 was brought in to pinch hit and came up with a single to load the bases. Juliette Basso '25 was up at bat with two strikes and two outs. She was able to come up with another single that brought home two runners and gave the Bison their first lead of the weekend.

They were one strike away from securing the victory when Army hit a double to left field. Army was able to bring in two runs to comeback and win.

The Orange and Blue were back on the field facing the Army on Sunday morning. Again, the Bison started the game trailing. They were down 4-0 before they were able to get in three runs in the fifth inning. Offensively, the Orange and Blue led 11-10 in hits. Defensively the pitching staff threw a combined five strikeouts courtesy of Kaiya Burton '23, Hunter Vestal '24 and Roukey. The Bison entered the seventh inning still trailing 4-3. Knapp was able to single in the game tying run. Unfortunately, the Bison eventually fell in extra innings 5-4.

The Bison picked back up

Tuesday afternoon at home for a double header against Saint Francis. In the first match, the Bison led offensively with nine hits, but numerous errors gave the Red Flash a 5-1 lead after three innings. The next two innings were scoreless by both teams until Saint Francis was able to get off a pair of hits in the top of the sixth.

The Bison were able to spark some life into the game in the bottom of the sixth with a triple from Knapp. Kincer was able to bring Knapp in off a single and then Annabella Hawkins '24 singled home Kincer. The score was then 5-3. The closest the Bison would get.

Saint Francis came out strong offensively in the second game, tallying up 11 hits total and scoring seven runs. The Bison were unable to convert offensively but played a good defensive led game. Vestal threw the first four innings, allowing one earned run and striking out two. Roukey, Burton and Toomey followed on the mound.

Despite a tough past couple games, the Orange and Blue look to improve their record Saturday April 16 with a double header against Colgate.

Bison find success at Lehigh Invitational

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Senior Writer

This past weekend, the Bison men's and women's track and field traveled to the Lehigh Invitational and found some success in preparation for the Bison Outdoor Classic.

Karly Renn '25 stood out with her victory in the pole vault event, as she cleared 12-1.5 and thus launched herself to fourth place in Bison outdoor history. Renn stated "the Lehigh meet this weekend was a true spring track meet. The weather was definitely a factor, but my team and I came out on top of it and I'm really excited about my performance and what is to come for the rest of the season."

Renn made an impression during the indoor season as well when she earned the second-best mark in school history at the Patriot League championships. Another Bison, Jenny Scott '23, placed fifth in the same event with a height of 11-7.75. This mark trailed close behind Scott's all-time record of 12-0.

Several other women stood out in field events this past weekend. Both Abby Kates '24 and Riley Beebe '23 took second place, Kates in the high jump with a height of 5-3.75 and Beebe in the javelin event (133-11). Four different Bison ladies placed third in their

respective field events: Siobhan O'Sullivan '24 in the shot put (44-7.5), Olivia Boyce '24 in the high jump (T-3rd, 5-1.75), Lila Gaughan '24 in the long jump (17-4) and Abby Whitaker '22 in the discus (139-3).

The Orange and Blue dominated in the 400 hurdles events, securing the second, third, fourth and fifth spots. Michaela Bracken '22 came in second with a time of 1:03.04, and was followed closely by Mikayla Horvath '23 (1:05.53), Ella Derstine '25 (1:06.02) and Abby Dunne '23 (1:07.20). Notably, Eva Linder '24 ran the 5000 for the first time in her college career and came fourth with a time of 18:57.23. The Bison 4x100 team, composed of Emily Grubb '24, Noel Fullman '25, Claire O'Keefe '25 and Hanna Davis '23, came in third with a time of 50.13.

On the men's side, many Bison athletes found themselves finishing within the top five. Robert Feeney '24 had a successful weekend, placing second in the hammer throw with a mark of 184-1 and landing himself within the top-10 scores in Bison history. Feeney's throw marked a new personal record as well as the eighth-best in program history. This throw was also the second-best distance thrown for the Bison in nine years.

Feeney said, "this weekend went really well, especially

for our throws group. We had personal bests across the board in certain events which is a good sign going into the end of the season. I think this weekend should be filled with more great performances from the entire team as we begin our early prep for the league championships."

Jack Calisi '23 also placed within the top five for the hammer throw, throwing 172-1 to come in fifth place.

Chris Sims '25 placed second in the triple jump (42-11.75) and Ian Lawrence '22 trailed close behind to place third (42-9.5). The Bison took second and third in the steeplechase, as Grayson Crockett '25 ran a 9:53.29 and placed second. Quinn McCutcheon '25 was hot on his heels and came third with a time of 9:53.71.

In both the men's 4x400 and the high jump, the Bison placed third. The 4x400 team (Owen Chase '22, Bobby Lynam '25, Brendan O'Toole '22 and Matt Cervon '22) ran a 3:29.12, while first-year Grant Ellis '25 cleared 6-3.25 in the high jump.

Looking ahead to next weekend, the Orange and Blue are hosting the yearly Bison Outdoor Classic with events starting on Thursday and continuing through Saturday. Events on Friday and Saturday will be broadcasted via FloTrack.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Allie Boyce '25

Profile

Sport

Lacrosse

Hometown

Falls Church, Va.

High School

Georgetown

Visitation Prep



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Senior Writer

The Bison women's lacrosse team is having a historic season, and this partially has to do with them having such a strong freshman class. Allie Boyce '25 has contributed an immense amount to the team in the rookie season, including 29 goals and five assists. She earned her first two Patriot League Rookie of the Week honors on the weeks of March 8 and April 4. She was awarded these honors for scoring a hat trick on all three of her shots in their game against Duquesne and for scoring seven goals against Colgate. Boyce has officially beat the 43 year-old rookie scoring record when she earned her third Patriot League honor in the thrilling 18-12 win the Bison had over Army, who was ranked first in the league in preseason polls. In the game, Boyce scored all four of the fourth quarter goals and two assists.

The rookie also commented on the victorious Army game and season. "Our season has been going really well! [Army] was named number one in the Patriot League, so beating them puts us in a great position as we finish regular season and head into playoffs. Everyone really stepped up during the game and it was exciting to see all our hard work pay off. Our offense worked incredibly well together and our defense shut down some of the top scorers in the Patriot League," Boyce said.

The Falls Church, Va. native leads the whole team in goals as only a freshman. She is also ranked 10th in the league for goals per game (2.42) and fourth in shooting percentage (.547).

League play continues for Boyce and the Orange and Blue, as they take on American University on Saturday and Loyola on Wednesday.

"We have a few more regular season games, but I am extremely confident in how we have been playing and the momentum we have. Personally, I have been doing great! I am very thankful for my teammates as they have made my transition to college lacrosse easier than I could have imagined. They are always looking out for me and set me up to play my best," Boyce said.

Career Stats

7 Goals
2 Assists
4 Ground Balls
2 Caused Turnovers
9 Shots

Another close game vs #19 Lehigh

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Senior Writer & Sports Co-Editor

The Bison took a tough 12-13 loss against #19 Lehigh this past weekend in Bethlehem, Pa. The Bison made a run in the fourth quarter cutting into the Mountain Hawks lead but could not complete the comeback. The loss drops the Bison record to 7-4 on the season and 1-4 in league play.

Lehigh, who came into the game undefeated in Patriot League play, jumped out to a quick 8-4 lead at half-time. However, the Bison came out hot in the second half outsourcing the Mountain Hawks 8-5. Dutch Furlong '24, who scored a hat trick in addition to four assists, scored twice in the final three minutes to cut the Mountain Hawks' lead to one. The Bison had a chance to tie the game late as they earned a man advantage following a Lehigh penalty with 42 seconds left. However, they were unable to get a shot off and lost 13-12.

In addition to Furlong, Cam Doolan '25 also scored a hat trick for the Bison. Reid Delanois '22 had an all-around great game for the Bison securing five ground balls and forcing five turnovers. Alston Tarry '25 (2), Harry Wellford '25 (1), Matthew Barkauskas '22 (1), Ethan Gyllenhaal '24 (1), and Joe Scattareggia '23 (1) all

got on the score sheet for the Bison. Goaltending was a group effort for the Bison with Rich O'Halloran '25 making 10 saves and Jack Van Slyke '22 making five saves during their stints in net.

Lehigh led narrowly 44-42 in shots and 28-25 in shots on goal. The Bison defense was superb, forcing their opponents to commit 19 turnovers. But where Lehigh really gained an advantage over the Bison was in faceoffs and ground balls. The Mountain Hawks won 20 faceoffs to the Bison's seven while collecting eight extra ground balls.

Senior midfielder Frankie Higgins '22 found the game worthwhile, despite the loss. "For the Lehigh game it was disappointing to have our second one goal loss to a top 20 opponent in a row, but we played really well and came back to almost tie it which showed that we are a good team and have the potential to beat anyone in the league. We are really excited for the Holy Cross game and having the chance to bounce back and start a strong finish to the year," Higgins said.

The Bison will be back in action on April 17 hosting Lafayette on Graham Field at 12 p.m.

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How Technology is Changing Sports

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Senior Writer

From off-the-field rulings to player heart monitors, technology has severely changed the way sports are played today. Not only has it made professional sports more accessible to the public, but it has helped increase competition, connect fanbases and improve the health and safety of players. But some may not be familiar with just how intertwined technology has become to the rulings of sports today.

One of the most well known examples is the NFL. As far back as 1975, the NFL was microphoning their referees to aid in rulings from the sideline. Starting in the 2007-2008 season, the referees were able to call reviews of the play, stepping off the

field to rewatch and make a final decision. Off-field technology has the ability to determine first downs and the veracity of a touchdown.

Professional soccer leagues have now picked up on similar technologies. Quite recently, in fact, as VAR (video assistant referee) was introduced in just 2017-2018. The technology allows for a referee's call to be brought into review from assistant referees off the field. They have the ability to confirm a goal, confirm a penalty and decide the severity of foul in regards to red and yellow cards.

For soccer, the technology has not stopped there. A new brand of sideline refereeing has the potential to be introduced into the 2022

World Cup, in the form of artificial intelligence. FIFA is considering adding the AI program in Qatar this year, which would be used to help track players' limbs and create virtual offsides lines. The program was tested in the Club World Cup and the Arab World Cup, but is yet to be confirmed for World Cup usage.

Baseball is the another sport that has seen recent development. In 2014, the MLB expanded replay review, which allowed approximately 13 plays to be called into review by off-field technology. This season umpires were granted microphones, allowing them to formally announce replays like referees in other sports.

The most notable and recent change in the MLB is a swath of new "sign-stealing" technology. A new program called PitchCom will now allow pitchers and catchers to signal to each other without the risk of getting their signs stolen by the opposing team. Besides the pitcher and catcher, three teammates will have access to the technology. It practically gets rid of the need for a signaling system all together.

The advancements have not gone without controversy, of course. Some believe that technology is ruining the game, taking away the authenticity and humanity of the sport by turning it robotic. Others believe that the technology

itself is making the games more authentic due to its calculated accuracy and cheating prevention.

It's clear that technology is going to play a large role in sports now and in the coming years. As the advancements of technology will arguably continue to grow, there must be a balance drawn with how technical the sport can become. Too much ruling from the sideline could contribute to an exhaustive replay of rulings and calls that can muddle the genuine fun and suspense that comes with watching sports. It will be interesting to see how these technological advancements take over the sporting world, and just how far all of them will go.

Bison baseball suffer mixed results

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The Bison fell just short of knocking off its second Power-5 opponent this season, falling 7-6 to Penn State on Wednesday evening. The Orange and Blue's first night game of the season, the Bison led 5-0, but a resurgent Penn State squad scored seven unanswered runs from the first inning to the fourth in taking a narrow victory.

The Bison then faced the Lafayette Leopards at home and went 2-1 on the weekend, winning the series. Will Greer '23 improved to 5-0 on the season with his second straight complete-game victory allowing only three hits over seven innings. Grant Voytovich '24 brought in Anthony Sherwin '24 for a 1-0 lead in the first. Sherwin was brought around the bases again by Chris Cannizzaro '22 to bring the lead to 2-0. Brendan Lowery '22 ripped another double down the left field line to bring Cannizzaro in for a 3-0 lead, capping off the runs for the Bison.

Greer cruised through the next few innings, retiring six straight batters. Greer's five wins are the most by a Bison in a single season since teammate Chris DiFiore '23 managed five last season, and the tenth of his career. The Bison managed seven hits as a team, with catcher Logan Kellerman '22 posting a 2-for-2 day at the plate. Cannizzaro knocked his sixth double of the season in the win, while Sherwin added a hit and two runs scored.

Lafayette started hot, taking a 3-0 lead in the first inning in never trailing in game two, going on to take a 7-2 win to earn the split on the day. The Bison pulled within three, 5-2, in the eighth, but two insurance runs by the Leopards in the ninth ensured a 1-1 day for the visitors.

Despite the Bison getting the first two outs of the game prior to any runs on the board, the Leopards rallied for a 3-0 lead in the first. As the Bison got behind the plate, Voytovich

brought Cannizzaro in on an RBI single and Lowery's RBI single brought the Bison within three. The Leopards kept their foot on the gas in the ninth by adding two more runs to take a 7-2 win.

The Bison secured a regular-season series victory over Lafayette by winning its third game of the season against the Leopards. The Orange and Blue used a four-run first and a three-run third in support of Austin Odell's '22 fourth win of the season, taking the season series over Lafayette with a 7-2 victory on Sunday afternoon.

Four of the Bison's first five batters reached via a walk or a hit by pitch as the Bison walked in two runs with the bases loaded with Tyler Dunn '25 and Sean Keys '25 at the plate. Kellerman then made his contribution on the offensive end, knocking a two-RBI single to center field that scored both Dunn and Jacob Corson '24 to give the Bison a 4-0 lead. Kellerman led the team with a career best of three hits, two of which were RBI's. The Orange and Blue put three more runs around the bases to top it off at seven.

The Bison fell 10-4 on the road at Villanova in Tuesday non-conference action to the Wildcats. The Wildcats used a five-run fifth to pull away from the Bison, despite two RBI singles from Voytovich.

"Winning this weekend's series gave us a lot of momentum for this weekend's series at Holy Cross. Every game from here on out is pivotal for our rankings in the league. We just have to keep playing how we've been and come up big this weekend," Greer said.

The Bison will have the opportunity to avenge their loss to Penn State when they take on Holy Cross this coming weekend. The Bison will have two games on Saturday and one game on Sunday all on the road in Massachusetts.

Bison golf narrowly miss out on first place

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The Bison men's golf team narrowly missed out on first place in Lafayette's ABARTA Coca-Cola Collegiate Challenge. The Orange and Blue finished the 36-hole tournament at 581 which was one shot behind Iona and Lafayette who finished at 580. This was a great performance for the Bison as there were 16 total teams including six Patriot League teams.

The team started off the competition strong with a 296 team score on the first day which was good enough for third. Jackson

Bussell '23 played especially well shooting 3-under-par 69. Bussell finished the day tied for first overall as he was one of only six players to shoot under par on the day. In addition to Bussell, the other Bison also shot well. Blake Wisdom '23 shot a 73, Jason Lohwater '22 shot a 75 and Jack Gardner '23 shot a 79.

On the second day of the competition, the Bison continued their stellar play. Wisdom finished with a 67, courtesy of six birdies, which was the

second-best score of the entire weekend. Lohwater also shot under par overall finishing with a 71. Michael Rudnick '25 kept improving as the weekend progressed and finished with a 73. Bussell also continued his stellar weekend finishing with a 74.

The Bison are back in action on April 18 and 19 at the Wildcat Invitational, hosted by Villanova at Radnor Valley Country Club. This will be the team's final tune-up before the Patriot League Championship.

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Sunday Scaries and Time Management

Maddy Davis
Contributing Writer

University students are very familiar with the "Sunday Scaries," roughly 10 hours full of deep reflection regarding the events of Saturday night and anxiety over the impending week. Although many cringe at the thought of them, I love the Sunday Scaries — in fact the Sunday Scaries are keeping my life together and my GPA afloat. Sunday Scaries make academic weapons out of students. Nothing motivates library time more than thinking about the copious list of assignments due within a 24 hour time span, those painful 11:59 p.m. Sunday evening deadlines and the sheer amount of skim-reading required so as not to fall behind in class. For reasons like this the library is a quiet but bustling hotspot for students on Sunday afternoons — and for those riddled with anxiety, power hour has never come easier. Similarly, I believe the Sunday Scaries have made me into a better person given the weekend reflection and personal humbling they prompt. For one, I've become quite the stress cleaner. I simply cannot reflect on week-end events in the horrid state of my room, so a deep cleaning is triggered every Sunday morning; there's nothing like a pile of dirty clothing to get the Tide Pods going. Productivity is at an absolute peak on Sundays for me — the time crunch between study groups and homework leaves little room for dilly-dallying. Anxiety over the impending week makes me more organized and forces me to plan ahead, mapping out meetings, office hours and practice schedules to find and calculate my free time for the week.

Although the Sunday Scaries have prompted me to become more organized and make the most of my Sundays, they can also severely overwhelm students and leave them feeling helpless. I think a trick for managing the Sunday Scaries is to learn from them, by developing a routine and acknowledging that everyone faces them. When faced with an overwhelming amount of work, I've found making a list of priorities for the day to be especially helpful in getting big assignments done and staying organized. Tackling big projects and getting necessary chores earlier in the day helps me feel like a weight's been lifted come Sunday night. Online forums recommend treating yourself and making an effort to do something you like, whether it be getting All Star mid-morning or going for a run to take your mind off the day ahead. The Sunday Scaries don't have to be as scary as they're made out to be. Weekends are often what you make of them, giving individuals the power to determine just how scary their Sundays are. Planning ahead for homework purposes and maybe crossing a task or two off on Friday afternoon may be a good solution to lessen the load on Sunday and relieve some stress. Mindset is also instrumental in individuals approaching the Sunday Scaries. If you thrive under pressure and can work for hours on end when motivated, they might be your cup of tea; if that's not the case, understanding that you have the opportunity to impact, even improve, your Sunday Scaries through planning ahead and approaching them with an optimistic mindset may be the best way to go.

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Nearly two months since its military invasion of Ukraine, and weeks after becoming the most sanctioned country in the world, Russia has been suspended from the Human Rights Council within the United Nations. This is a historic moment for the organization — a group that has rarely delivered suspensions — and the first time it has delivered such a punishment to a member of the Security Council.

While the successful vote did indicate unity among the international community as it concerned the ongoing war in Ukraine, it is still little more than a symbolic effort against an already isolated territory. Russia voiced that they were choosing to end their membership before the end of its term, with their Deputy Permanent Representative Gennady Kuzmin arguing that "These States for many years have directly been involved in blatant and massive violations of human rights, or abetted those violations."

There is perhaps time on another day to reckon with the validity of his remarks that illustrate the general hypocrisy of nations that time and again overlook debilitating conditions within their own lands or violations occurring elsewhere. However, Russia's removal from the Human Rights Council still presents a difficult position for the international community. Each passing day has prompted fervent conversations, both in the United States and abroad, about what actions must be taken.

Rather than sending troops to the war torn Donbas region, the international community has instead offered material support to Ukraine's efforts in the form of munitions aid, though President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has demanded more assistance from onlooking nations in anticipation

of further battles in the country's eastern region. He too has repeatedly called for a no-fly zone imposed by NATO over Ukraine — an option ultimately rejected by the organization.

There is both precedent as well as a certain appeal for the no-fly zone. The suggested plan offers more military assistance without committing to ground warfare, but it is too involved and aggressive an action to take in the war between Ukraine and Russia. President Putin has warned against a strong international presence during the conflict, threatening nuclear attacks should the Kremlin perceive the nation as under attack by "existential threats." A no-fly zone would serve as an undeniable escalation to an already calamitous war, an effort that the international community should resist — despite Ukrainian President Zelenskyy's pleas for one.

In addition to diplomatic condemnation of the persistent violence, thousands of sanctions have been the primary tool employed against Russia by the international community. Admittedly, the ruble has bounced back tremendously to pre-war levels, but the restrictions mean a severe challenge for Russia to collaborate in the international sphere. Such difficulties have caused food prices — that had already been on a slow climb before the invasion of Ukraine — to soar to untenable levels partly as a result of mass shortages.

Sanctions have been imposed upon Russia through a consistent onslaught of devastating economic consequences. But its role as an alternative to international military intervention is equally damaging to the Russian people. Though many sanctions target specific oligarchs within the country, such as the more recent asset freezes placed upon President Putin's daughters, broader restrictions that cut off imported goods

threaten the citizenry more so than those that literally enact war against Ukraine.

The risk inherent to sanctions is not merely in its potential to fail if not consistently executed through the support of numerous, ideally powerful, nations. When successful, the victories found in imposing such sanctions lie often in harming the populace, and not in preventing further bloodshed. Sanctions must establish a pathway towards a ceasefire, a severe and tangible condemnation of violent affairs that can lead to an end to war through a discussion possibly moderated by other nations. As it stands, several negotiations between Ukraine and Russia have been arranged, all of which have thus far broken down.

If the international community wishes to have a larger role in bringing the conflict in Ukraine to a close, it must strike a balance between assisting a war-torn nation and angering an unpredictable enemy. Military actions from onlooking countries may likely bring swift and cataclysmic consequences from the Kremlin. Sanctions can be an effective tool if contributing to a path towards de-escalation, yet may prove disastrous to the people of Russia if simply imposed for their own sake.

The suspension and, in essence, removal of Russia from the Human Rights Council of the United Nations is a decent step that will hopefully indicate a greater diplomatic role for the international community in the future of this conflict. As Ukraine comes to recognize the implausibility of the country joining NATO, something that Zelenskyy himself acknowledged in March, compromise through diplomacy with Russia should be considered, lest we face a Putin increasingly desperate to compensate for his continued losses in Ukraine.

What is college for: a reflection

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Recently, Nick DeMarchis '22 sat down for an interview with Dean Kari Conrad to talk about her career at the University. She imparted a lot of wisdom about the college experience during the interview, including this piece of advice that she's told her own children, "You got to love what you do, because you spend the majority of your life in your career and what you're doing, so, you know, love what you're doing," Dean Conrad said.

COVID-19 and an era of rapid societal change has made the University's environment different than it used to be. Student mental health worldwide is in a state of crisis. This in mind, I wondered if Dean Conrad's sentiment about "loving what you do" still rings true for the current student population. I asked a few students if they felt fulfilled by their choice of major.

"Honestly, the only reason I'm a business analytics major is because I heard you can make a lot of money at an accounting firm post-grad. I don't necessarily find ANOP to be the most meaningful course on the planet, but it did help me secure an internship for next summer," Hannah Sieg '24 said. This attitude was pretty common across the student

population. "I swear half the kids in my psychology courses are just scrolling through LinkedIn during class instead of listening to the professor, and it's pretty sad, because the lectures are actually interesting," Caroline Moriarty '24 said.

It is clear that students see college as a pathway to job security, but it does not seem like students are pursuing the majors that really interest them, rather the ones that guarantee financial stability after graduation. While stability is an important, reasonable objective for students, there seems to be a fundamental lack of "loving what you do" on the University's campus.

After I talked to a few students, I thought to myself — is it out of touch to even be asking these questions? Sure it's sad that students are not intellectually piqued by all of their coursework, but is that just the reality of growing up and being an "adult"? And, in a job market that has become increasingly competitive over the years, is everyone "doing what they love" even a plausible option?

Maybe, maybe not. What I do know to be true is that this widespread apathy for learning should be addressed at the institutional level. Educating oneself for the sole purpose of finding a way to make money is antithetical to many of the University's core values: including the desire to build a living,

learning community in which students are able to collaborate to do great things for oneself and each other. The nature of education has become competitive and solely focused on the ability to achieve entry into a "sensible" career that will guarantee a livable salary but be anything but rewarding or interesting for the remainder of students' lives.

As we wait for institutional changes to take effect, or to even be presented in many cases, a great way to avoid what can become a very funneled educational experience is extracurriculars. The University has a wide array of educational and extracurricular activities available to students — major-related clubs, student research opportunities and special interest groups are just a few ways students can supplement their experience at the University. Although these activities are, yet another time commitment tacked onto the many responsibilities students already have, they play an important role in balancing our educational experience, and for students in rigorous majors these opportunities should be made more accessible so that all students are able to have access to a balanced college experience in which they can truly enjoy the benefits of University life.

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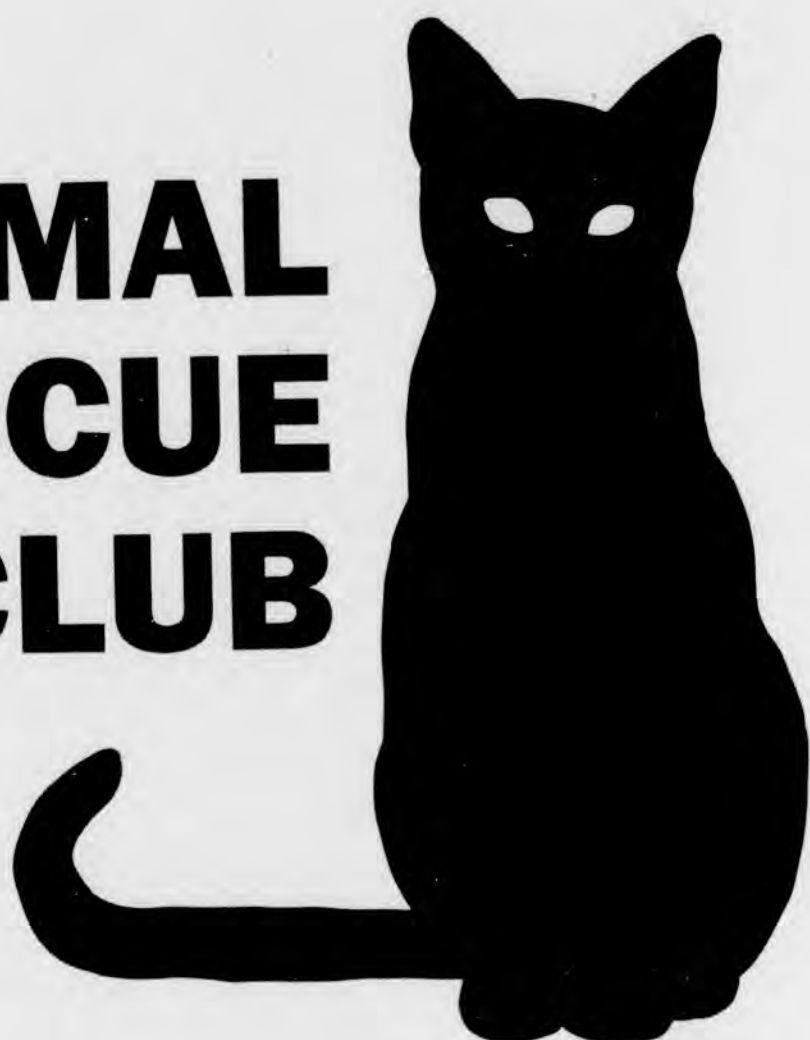
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Seeing the Strays of Lewisburg

Raleigh Singer
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As we leave the world of education and enter the "real world," we are exposed to many of the world's great injustices and the systematic faults that exist around us. Very few of these issues and injustices have tangible solutions, much less one that each of us can have a discernible impact on.

Yet, there exists a glaring issue right on our campus that very few have addressed or are even aware of — stray cats. Despite the wide gap in our students' and staff's understanding of stray overpopulation, it is an issue that has tangible solutions that can be accomplished by motivated and compassionate people, and a change in attitude.

Indeed, stray cats wreak havoc on natural ecosystems and are ferocious predators, a very clear

indication that their intended environment isn't outdoors. The unfortunate reality is that cats as a species have been heavily domesticated, yet a failure to fully acknowledge them as pets leave them without homes or protection, and cats bred to rely on humans are forced instead to rely on themselves.

Hundreds of thousands of cats are abandoned on a regular basis, cited as an inconvenience or a nuisance. Unfortunately, from the moment they move from their comfortable home to the harsh outdoors, the world sees them as nothing but a stray. These cats are forced to hunt and scavenge for their survival, and live extremely difficult and short lives. Many of them never again get to experience the human love they had been akin to before.

Fortunately, as new generations of more compassionate and visionary individuals emerge

into the world, so has a renewed concern for cats — both stray and homed. However this renewed concern still has a long way to go, and while the drive and effort from individuals set on helping cats is almost universally unmatched, they can only do so much on their own.

Even those unaware of the stray cat issue may indeed be aware of the little nook for lucky cats on Market Street that exists in the Lewisburg Scratching Post. The Lewisburg Scratching Post is in actuality run by a rescue called Cherished Cats, a volunteer-run rescue that is responsible for helping a vast majority of cats in our town, and who most turn to when they need help with a stray.

However, the reliance of the community on Cherished Cats regularly exceeds the resources they have at their disposal. On a regular basis, Cherished Cats are forced to refuse in-need strays

simply due to a lack of resources.

A process called trap-neuter-release (TNR) has been effectively reducing the number of cats in dire situations for years, and has come to be relied on in the world of cat rescue.

Cats are very fast to repopulate — one stray female can give birth to up to three litters and upwards of 27 kittens in the course of one year. That is 27 new cats that cat rescuers do not have the resources to help — and 27+ terrible situations that can be avoided through one TNR. Through trap-neuter-release we are able to limit the population of strays and in-need cats in the least invasive way possible and at the same time rehome cats who were once loved pets.

The process of TNR is a surprisingly concrete one, and essentially guarantees success when followed through completely. In the process of trap-neuter-release, cats are humanely and carefully trapped and neutered, and upon deciding whether they can be socialized, they are rehomed or released.

Many of the cats labeled as "feral" are the offspring of abandoned strays, and have never been exposed to human interaction. One of the most important focuses of any given rescue is to rehome cats who have been abandoned as strays — however, we believe that even cats who don't readily approach humans also deserve the attention and help given to those who do. The aim of TNR and cat rescue is never to take away an animal's comfort and thus, those cats who are not ready to live in the presence of humans are released and allowed to live the remainder of their lives freely — with the care and watchful eye of volunteers.

Once an entire colony has gone through the process of TNR that colony can no longer reproduce, and volunteers can care for those cats for the remainder of their lives — after which, the colony no longer exists.

The Animal Rescue Club at the University formed through students who on their own noticed the strays in the area and experienced the disheartening and emotionally draining process of attempting to help them alone. As we have brought our efforts together, we realize how much of a difference a bit of support makes in our ability to create real change.

Not only do we recognize in our club the potential for a community where students who hold a genuine concern for animals in the area can collaborate and connect — we recognize the potential to make the University and its

community a place that cares a bit more for the world around it.

The University's community, and that of any university, can inherently be a very unforgiving one. The stresses of academics combined with the pressure to thrive socially creates an environment that can feel harsh, especially when many social connections are made under the very real threat of disapproval. It is easy in these environments to forget to be kind to the world around us.

We at the Animal Rescue Club believe that the University has the capacity to be a community that cares for its animals, and is conscious of and kind to the world we exist in. An environment in which people are unconcerned for the cats around them is very difficult to embrace as people who feel a personal responsibility for the wellbeing of stray animals and we feel that these students deserve to know that the animals they care about are safe in their community.

The problem of stray overpopulation is one our student body can approach and we have the resources and motivation to do so successfully. In pursuing these kinds of solutions, we teach students to approach the world's problems head-on, and show them what making real change looks and feels like. The act of bringing even one cat to a person who will forever cherish them produces a feeling of accomplishment that some students may never experience, at the University or elsewhere.

ABOUT ARC:

The population of stray cats around Lewisburg and — more specifically — around the University has long been substantial and noticeable, and while many students feel a personal desire to do something to help, it's difficult to figure out what that thing is on your own. Our students' compassion offers an opportunity that most stray cats never get, and one that they badly need. We hope to put the resources the University offers to use and bring together those people who do want to give these cats and other animals a hand, whether that be in helping to set up stray cat feeding stations and shelters, or whether that be investing a bit more time and actually accomplishing some rescues! It's a place where we can make real change in the lives of these animals, and we hope that anyone who feels particularly passionate for animals will want to join us in building a support system for stray animals in the area and ensuring that it lasts.



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Housing, class space problems highlight admissions dilemma

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In this 2025 admission cycle, the University accepted the largest class in the university's history. Consequently the rising sophomore class will be the largest the school has handled to date, resulting in many overcrowding issues — most recently in the areas of class registration and housing. As a result, a number of rising sophomores and juniors still have no idea where they are going to live next year. If the school does not have the capacity to accommodate this many students, why did they accept so many?

Simple. For money. More students paying the (recently increased) tuition adds significantly to the University's available funds, which must be especially welcome to administration following the increased expenses and decreased incoming cash flow resulting from the pandemic. While there are various first-year dorm renovations projects underway, there has been no expansion of housing, which cuts back spending for the University. To the administration, accepting more students — even though it results in uncomfortable overcrowding for the student body — means more money.

Aside from student discomfort, there are other cons to the increasing number of accepted students. In the past 10 years, the University has had about the same

number of people applying every year. If the class sizes are getting bigger, but the number of applications isn't going up, it means that the University is accepting a larger and larger percentage of their pool of applicants. In 2012, the acceptance rate was 27 percent. Today, it is 38 percent. While this is in some ways good — the University has been able to diversify the student population in some ways through this expansion, bringing new students into the University community who may have previously been boxed out — the University needs to either commit to its small school persona, or make a serious effort to expand itself.

Why is the increased acceptance rate important for school administration? Acceptance rate is perhaps the most important statistic in determining a school's reputation as "elite." It is one of the most important numbers that potential applicants look at to get an impression of what this school will reflect on their resume. A school with a lower acceptance rate will automatically be considered as more impressive and desirable.

The University has a reputation as a "little Ivy," i.e. a small but elite and impressive school that could potentially compete with the most prestigious universities in the nation. By accepting more students, increasing the acceptance rate and increasing the size of the school in general, they are moving away from

this elite reputation. Is this an anomaly, an accident or is this indicative of a shift in philosophy and presentation?

Regardless, the housing issue still remains. It is an incredible lapse in oversight from the school that so many students are as of now completely lacking housing for next semester. Whether the University is admitting more students in order to generate more revenue, or they are shifting towards a larger, less elite school in general, they have disadvantaged at least two entire classes in order to do so. If accepting this large class was a planned response to monetary issues, they should not have gone through with it without having housing ready for the students already here.

The University needs to solve this problem. If this was an anomaly from these past few years, it needs to counteract the effects by reducing admission immediately and accepting a much smaller class this coming year. If it was not, and the intention is to continue increasing class sizes in general, the school needs to immediately start preparing housing for a much larger selection of students. For this next coming year, no expense can be spared in finding places for these juniors and sophomores who currently have no idea where they will be living.



FUN HOME

HOW TO BE QUEER IN CENTRAL PA

On April 8 through 11, the University's theater department put on the musical *Fun Home*, an adaptation of the graphic memoir by Alison Bechdel. The musical follows Alison — played by Sydney Dickinson '22 — as she narrates the story from her future perspective, where she is writing the graphic memoir from which the play derives its name. From this perspective, Alison is able to observe her childhood (played by Yasmine Adam '24) and college (Emma Battle '22) personas. The audience watches Alison and her two brothers grow up in a historical Victorian home, on which father Bruce (Jon Riker '22) is constantly restoring. The family business, the Bechdel Funeral Home, is referred to as the "Fun Home" by the family.

As Alison grows up, her tomboyish nature in her childhood transforms into her queer identity in college, as she eventually comes out as a lesbian. The news goes over poorly with her mother (Miki Du Bios '22), but not for the reason you might expect: Alison's father had multiple affairs with men. With this newfound information, Alison is now navigating publicizing her queer identity alongside her father, who continues to push his own identity further and further into the closet.

The audience watches in remorse as Alison wishes for a heart-to-heart with her father about their sexualities, but her father is resistant to say little more than reminisce on an old college crush on a male peer. Alison's narrator persona mentions it right at the start: her father commits suicide by jumping in front of a truck. And yet, the moment is still jolting when it finally occurs. The theater blacks out, and the sound of a truck horn reverberates as two bright lights shine from the back wall to imitate headlights. In the end, the struggle of being a closeted man was too difficult for Bruce to bear.

While a powerful memoir on its own, this musical bears more weight when performed specifically at the University: less than an hour away from campus in Beech Creek, Pa., the Bechdel home still stands today on Maple Avenue. In fact, it's now available to stay in as a bed and breakfast!

While Alison and her family's story is evidently not the average one, it still speaks volumes to the overall queer experience, especially in central Pennsylvania. In acknowledgement of how difficult it can be to be a queer individual in rural locations, professors Bryan Vandevender and Chase Gregory recently began a quarter-credit class called "How to be Queer in Central Pennsylvania." *Fun Home* was a great addition to the class's reading material, allowing students to find some common experiences within the graphic novel. Vandevender, also the director of the musical, mentioned in his director's note that "anti-queer animus" is still very much prevalent in central Pennsylvania, as exhibited by incidents such "last year's attack on Fran's House." Vandevender closes out his note in saying that he wants to "challenge us to contemplate the exigencies of being queer in this region."

Battle reflected on why being involved in this show was so important to her. "I feel so lucky that I had the opportunity to be a part of this particular production during my senior year at Bucknell. *Fun Home* has been my favorite show since I saw it on Broadway back in 2016! It raises so many important topics that I think we aren't talking about enough on campus right now like gender and sexuality, mental health, domestic abuse, suicide, coming-out and just growing up in general. It was beautiful to finally see LGBTQ identities represented onstage in such an honest and real way!" Battle said.

"I hope that this was only the beginning for this kind of representation in the Theater Department, and that Bucknell can continue to foster these kinds of conversations on campus!" Battle said.

If you made the trip to Harvey Powers Theatre to see *Fun Home* on April 8, 9, 10 or 11, you were likely met by large vertical banners standing in the lobby of the theatre. This was a free exhibit entitled "The Long Road to LGBTQ+ Equality in Pennsylvania," displayed in the Great Room of Hildreth-Mirza Hall until 3:00 p.m. on the eighth before being moved to the lobby. The exhibit, created by the Central PA LGBTQ+ History Project, was brought to campus in support of the aforementioned class "How to be Queer in Central Pennsylvania." The 11-panel display summarized important moments in queer history in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Lancaster, York, Allentown and Montgomery.

Kel Werkheiser '25





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University announces Student Commencement Speaker and Soloist

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Tarrin Earle '22, a Markets, Innovation & Design (MIDE) major, has been chosen as the student speaker for the Class of 2022 Commencement, scheduled for May 22 at 10 a.m., according to a press release from Director of Media Relations Mike Ferlazzo.

Earle has faced a lot of adversity during his time at the University. The COVID-19 pandemic obviously threw a wrench in his college plans, but even when he returned to campus it didn't stop. As the quarterback of the University's football team, he tore his ACL... twice.

"Everything that's come my way has helped me grow so much over the course of my time here," he said, in the press release. "I've learned that outcomes can be unpredictable even when you make all the

right moves — and that's OK. It's all about finding the positives in adversity and staying patient through it all," Earle said.

Earle credits many of the lessons he's learned at the University to his time in the Freeman College of Management.

"Coming to Bucknell, I wouldn't have called myself the most creative person," said Earle, a Florence, N.J., native. "MIDE pushed me to think outside the box, which was one of the things I loved about it. That, and the numerous chances I got to work on team projects."

One aspect that Earle said made the University special was the people on campus, specifically the relationship he formed with everyone here. He said, "the connections you build here are just so different than anywhere else."

Earle is planning on coaching football while pursuing his master's degree at North Central College.

"Everybody wants to be part of something bigger than themselves. At Bucknell, even small actions have a huge impact," Earle said. "I could've written a five-page Commencement speech about everything we've been through. My goal is to take some time to celebrate all we've accomplished together and share those memories one last time."

Lia Zavattaro '22, an environmental studies and Spanish double-major, was also announced to open the ceremony with the national anthem.

Zavattaro, an Old Greenwich, Conn., native, began singing training at the age of 13 and, scoring a near-perfect score, took the Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) exam in Concordia College's RCM Development Program. While at the University, she has sung solos at Carnegie Hall and Rooke Chapel for Sunday morning services.

"I love the freedom of music. It's an amazing way to express how you feel and lift your spirits," Zavattaro said. "It's definitely helped me stay positive and keep going throughout my time in college."

"There's so much I've learned and done here that I don't think I could have anywhere else," she said. "Bucknell has helped me grow more self-assured and confident, as well as fueled my drive to be the best I can be moving forward."

In addition to the celebration for the Class of 2022, a ceremony will be held for the Class of 2020 on May 21 at 10 a.m. Both ceremonies will be held on Malesardi Quadrangle and do not require tickets. Past years have live streamed the ceremony on the University's Commencement webpage and Facebook page.

Students shine in annual Student Art Exhibition

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Featuring student artwork from over 100 students selected by the Art and Art History departments, the annual Student Art Exhibition opened on April 12 in the Samek Art Museum. A student-curated exhibition, as well as new student-selected additions, filled the Samek collection; the opening of the exhibit was celebrated with a spring-themed gala on April 14, with a reception including the featured artists.

Coming through the main entrance, visitors passed a floral photo booth area and pastel-covered tables, some filled with themed foods such as spring rolls and fruit. SMAC, the Samek Museum Art Club, picked this theme to match one of their SMACQUESTIONS, Fruit of the Earth. For the first time ever, members of SMAC were allowed to select two pieces for the museum to acquire for Samek's permanent collection, with the goal of meeting the needs of the museum, the university and its student body.

"Fruit of the Earth" is a 2016 Archival inkjet print self-portrait by Atong Atem, dealing with migration, the African diaspora and the relationship between identity and portraiture.

Additionally, the work questions Eurocentric notions of beauty, the relationship between gender, fruit and flowers and a person's relationship to place. "Alien Invasion" is a 2018 lithograph created by Ka'ila Farrell-Smith.

This is the first work of art by a contemporary Indigenous artist in the collection. SMAC members thought that was particularly pressing, especially considering the University's ongoing work on its first official land acknowledgment.

"The SMAC Gala went really well. A lot of people came, and it was really nice to see our planning come to fruition. All the student art was really amazing too," SMAC member Morgan Haros '25 said. "It was also the first time that we were able to see our SMACQUESTIONS together and on exhibit. Although the art and the themes of the pieces aren't similar, the two pieces really went together with their color scheme of purple."

On top of the new additions to the permanent collection, senior Art History students also had the opportunity to curate an exhibition from the Samek's collection in the Connections Gallery. The exhibition is titled "Overwhelmed", "designed by those who understand; who are

overwhelmed themselves". The artwork spans time, geographic origin and medium and is hung to overwhelm the space while also depicting being overwhelmed.

In the main gallery, student-created artwork varied in medium, content, and of course, creators. The show included photography, sculpture, drawing, paintings and more.

Luong Vu '25 had numerous pieces featured in the show, including a sculpture entitled "Standardization" and a series of photos entitled "Beauty 101" that are part of a photo book that he will publish in May. "Standardization", which was a project for Sculpture II, is a series of heads that appear to be moving through a conveyor belt, beginning full of color but by the end being almost entirely white and standardized. Vu sought to relay how human socialization is like a production in factories: people pass through expectations and standards that force people into a mold and lead them to lose their "color". "Beauty 101" is a series of photographs mimicking the set-up of commercial advertising images, aiming to address the beauty standards imposed on our modern society.

"Growing up, I have always been self-conscious about appearances."

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Proposal for a new CAS curriculum shakes up University

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Bucknell University's College of Arts and Sciences could look very different for incoming first-years.

A new proposal written by the College of Art and Sciences Curriculum Committee recommends a fresh look at College of Arts & Sciences Core Curriculum (CASC), and faculty members are considering altering the general requirements of the College of Arts & Sciences (CAS).

The proposal — shared anonymously with the Bucknellian — features five different options for a CASC, which faculty members will rank in order of preference come voting time.

One option is the current college core curriculum (CCC) requirement, which every student in the CAS must at present fulfill. The other four options would change the current three categories of Intellectual Skills, Tools for Critical Engagement and Disciplinary Perspectives into only two categories: Foundational Experiences and Disciplinary Exploration.

The Disciplinary Exploration category is the same for all four of the new proposals, featuring two Natural Science and Mathematics Division courses, two Social Science Division courses, and four Arts & Humanities Division courses. This would change the current CCC — which has rather specific requirements — to enable greater flexibility in student scheduling.

"Drawing on survey data and CCC assessment data, the committee engaged in extensive discussion that resulted in a restructuring of our curricular model," the proposal states. "The CASC candidates reflect the calls for simplification requested by students and faculty alike. The CASC candidates, which a

student could complete in as few as 10 unique courses, emphasizes the importance of intentional exploration of the diverse ways in which learning takes place in the College of Arts & Sciences."

"With this plan, students will have a wide range of courses from which to choose to fulfill the curricular requirements and a less confusing experience doing so."

Where these four new options differ is in their listings for Foundational Experiences requirements.

Five of the requirements will remain the same, no matter which option CAS chooses to go with, including the Foundation Seminar, Integrated Perspectives, Foreign Language, Lab Science and Quantitative Reasoning courses. The variation in the remaining courses is what has caused some debate among students and faculty.

Option 1 includes a new Race, Power and Inequality Course (RPI), which is featured in all four of the new candidates. According to the proposal, this course is to signal the Committee's position that "every student must grapple with the complex historical, social and political systems and processes underlying the structures that apportion power unequally in our society."

Noticeably missing from this option, however, are Environmental Connections and Global Connections courses. These requirements are seemingly replaced by the Disciplinary Exploration requirements mentioned above.

Option 2 includes a Nature, People and Justice Course (NPJ), which intends to replace the previous Environment Connections course as an environmentally-themed requirement. The RPI course is also included, but no

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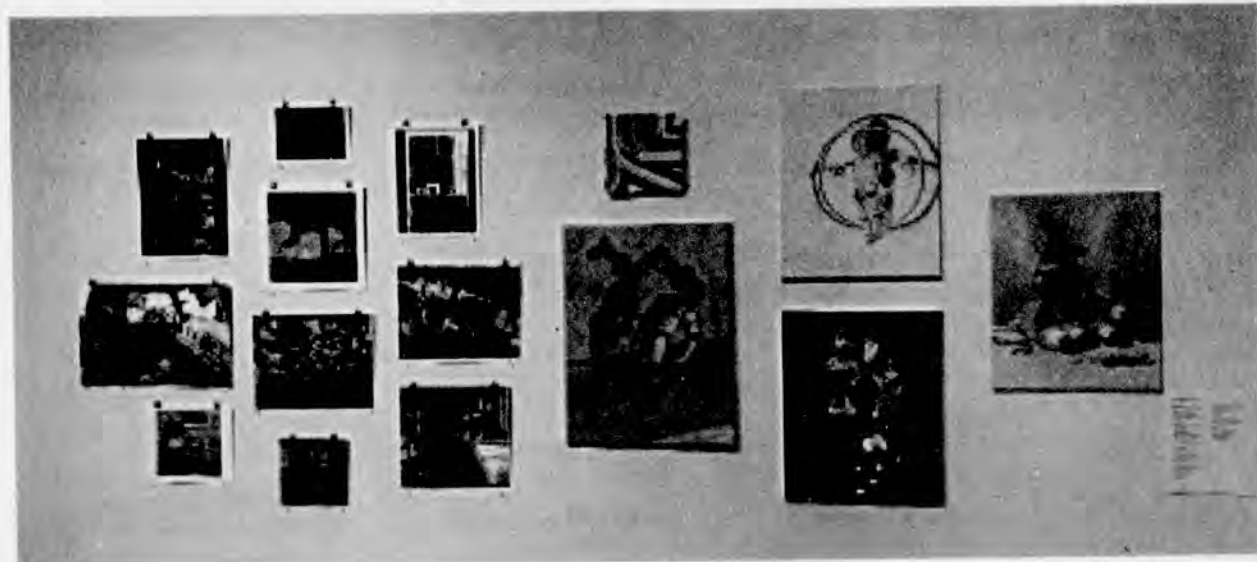


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breaking the bubble

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DOMESTIC

According to NBC News, Rakim Mayers, known better under is stage name ASAP Rocky, was arrested on Wednesday in connection to a shooting in November 2021. He was detained at Los Angeles International Airport after arriving from Barbados on a private plane. He was vacationing with his girlfriend, singer Rihanna, prior to the arrest.

New Jersey began recreational sale of marijuana on Thursday. According to The Hill, customers are able to purchase up to one ounce of dried, up to five grams of concentrates, oils or resins, or 10 100mg packets of ingestibles in one transaction. Jeff Brown, executive director of New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission issued a reminder that it is illegal to transport cannabis across state lines.

INTERNATIONAL

According to NPR, the number of refugees fleeing Ukraine has passed the 5 million mark since the start of Russia's invasion nearly two months ago. Filippo Grandi, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, confirmed the number of refugees via Twitter. Overall, NPR reports that there are more than 10 million Ukrainians that have been displaced by the war.

Pakistan's Prime Minister, Imran Khan, is content with the United Nations General Assembly's decision to set March 15 as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia, according to Aljazeera. The resolution was introduced by Pakistan. The date of March 15 was selected because it marks the day that a gunman killed 51 people, and injured 40 others, between two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand.



PROPOSAL FOR A NEW CAS CURRICULUM SHAKES UP UNIVERSITY

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Global Connections course is needed in this one either.

Option 3 does not have the NJP, but it does have the Global Connections course in addition to the RPI.

Option 4 includes all three possible requirements: NJP, RPI and Global Connections courses.

These new proposals will only be reviewed if a majority of CAS faculty decide to consider them, based on a majority vote that will be held in the college-wide faculty meeting on April 25 at 4:30 p.m., according to Karl Voss, Dean of Arts & Sciences. If the faculty decides to vote on the new proposals, they will have until 12 p.m. the next day, April 26, to cast their vote. The Borda Count Method, a type of ranked-choice voting, will be used in the decision.

"As faculty evaluate and consider the proposal for a new

curriculum, they will be sorting [through] several choices," Voss said in an emailed statement. "As is the case in all curricular discussions, the faculty are evaluating the balance between including meritorious requirements in a more prescriptive curriculum versus a curriculum with fewer requirements that allows more opportunity for students to explore and direct their own educational choices."

Some students, such as Philosophy and Biology dual-major Emily Scholfield '22, find it difficult to believe that generalizing the curriculum will open the door for students to take classes they are interested in. She worries it could instead open the door for students to find more loopholes and skip out on the experience that makes a liberal arts education different in the first place.

"The courses I have taken to fulfill the existing requirements have been some of my favorite and most informative courses," Scholfield said. "Without these requirements, I would never have gone as far out of my comfort zone as I did or learned about many issues faced by people of different races, nationalities and cultures from my own. In today's world, it is far too easy to ignore and forget about the disasters occurring across the world, so it is our duty to encourage curiosity and active empathy through education."

Scholfield also believes that some of the candidates in the proposal could hinder the future of the University and its students.

"While it seems clear that Race, Power and Inequality will replace and revamp the existing Diversity in the U.S. requirement, I find the Environmental

5 things to put on your to-do list

Jaxon White
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Meteor Shower on Friday!

According to Popular Science, April 22, this Friday, is the best chance to experience the Lyrid meteor shower. The Lyrids were first written about during the Zhou Dynasty in 687 BCE. Active until the end of the month, the best early evening viewing will be in the northeast-east sky.

Bison Con Spring 2022

On Saturday, CALVIN & HOBBS, Anime Club, Bucknell eSports and Bison Beatbox will host their Spring 2022 Bison Con. There will be food, music, video games and board games. The event begins at 6 p.m. in the Commons. For more information, check Brent Papson's email from April 14.

Sustainability Symposium Plenary Panel

On April 23, the ninth Annual Sustainability Symposium Plenary Panel: Radical Hope through Food will be held from 10-11 a.m. This symposium will close the two weeks worth of events leading up

Lavender Graduation

Lavender Graduation, held by the Office of LGBTQ Resources, is set to send off their LGBTQ and Allied graduating seniors. "The program will include reflections of the past year, recognition of LGBTQ leadership and celebration of our seniors, and graduating grad students," according to a Message Center Post from Bill McCoy. The ceremony will take place on April 26 at 6:45 p.m. in the MacDonald Commons.

Bucknell Dining Student Survey

Bucknell Dining Services is looking for student responses to a survey asking for feedback on the dining program. "We take pride in providing you with an outstanding dining experience. As part of our commitment to you, we're always looking for ways to better fulfill your needs and develop dining programs that suit your dining habits and lifestyle," said a Message Center Post from Camille Shawver. Complete the survey by April 29 for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card.

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Connections requirement is equally important to maintain," Scholfield said. "Given the university's placement along the Susquehanna River, our current commitment to expanding our land acknowledgements, and our goal to become carbon neutral by 2030, I believe that no longer requiring an environmental connections course would be counterproductive to our goals and to the education of our students."

Other students seem to be on the fence about the proposal. Cameron Lodi '23 said that he is conflicted. He said that he often struggled to find classes that fit into his schedule and completed the required courses.

"This forced me to take courses I would not normally have considered taking—examples include religion and sociology courses," Lodi said. "To this day, those courses are more memorable than several of the courses I have taken within my majors. Bucknell, as a liberal arts institution, should encourage these experiences I just described."

On the other hand, Lodi does believe that all of the proposals do still encourage students to explore the course catalog.

Andrew Stuhl, associate professor and department chair of Environmental Studies & Sciences, was part of the curriculum committee for a number of years. He likes that the new proposals have seemingly simplified the requirements, a complaint that students and faculty have expressed for years, by removing the learning goal distinction and allowing students more "double counting" of their requirements.

What he is worried about, is that some of the proposals seem to be at odds with one another. He's concerned that not as many

students will go out of their way to enroll in environmental studies courses without CAS specifying its importance in its curriculum.

"I mean, you can't argue with the fact that if the requirement is not there it's a missed opportunity," Stuhl said. "We missed the opportunity to communicate to all members of the College of Arts and Sciences that this is an important field of knowledge to prepare you [for] the world beyond Bucknell and meet our mission, to prepare students to be good citizens, attentive to issues of justice and equality."

Stuhl reiterated that he is not saying one requirement is more important than another, simply that he worries about the implication of not emphasizing environment-based classes.

He did say that one thing he believes the Curriculum Committee fell short on was including the student body in the proposal process. There are students on the Committee that helped pen the proposal, but Stuhl thinks they could have done more to incorporate more students. He hopes students will express their opinions to the Committee as soon as they can.

Still, Stuhl supports whatever decision is made by the Curriculum Committee.

"We're not going to have full agreement, but we can have consensus," he said.

If any of the proposals are adopted, they will be implemented for the class of 2027. Courses selected in the fall of 2023 will reflect the current CCC, which still governs the class of 2026 and earlier, as well as the new CCC that is decided on. Faculty will be in charge of supporting both CCCs during the next few years of transition.

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Freeman Week: A Celebration of Management

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The Freeman College of Management held Freeman Week in Holmes Hall from Monday April 4 to Friday April 8. Throughout the week, students had the opportunity to express interest in – and enthusiasm about – management education at the University, connecting with a variety of exceptional alumni and professors.

The several events were organized by the Freeman College of Management Center for Experiential Learning, including Assistant Dean for Experiential Learning Missy Gutkowski and Administrative Assistant for the Freeman College of Management Amy Bennett, along with the Freeman Student Advisory Board – who act as a representative body for management students and work to enhance the community within the College of Management.

The week began with an Ice Cream Social on the front patio of Holmes Hall on Monday April 4, which was open to all students, faculty and staff.

On Tuesday, April 5 the Freeman Student Advisory Board hosted a Student Experience Panel in which junior and senior members of the board shared some of their experiences at the University. Topics covered included declaring majors, campus involvement, the process of searching for and deciding on internships and more.

Following this event was the BisonReady Incentive Luncheon and the Beta Gamma Sigma & Omega Rho Ceremony, both of which took place on Wednesday, April 6 to honor outstanding, driven University students. The BisonReady Luncheon recognized students who have been highly engaged on the BisonReady platform, an application designed to help students in keeping with their academic and personal objectives.

That evening, Freeman students in the top 10 percent of their class were inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, the business honors society.

On Thursday April 7 a Senior Celebration & Walling Lecture Dinner was held. The Senior Celebration “was an amazing event to recognize the hard work and accomplishments of our graduating class,” Tori Kline ’23 said, a member of the Freeman Student Advisory Board. She described how the structure of this event “allowed students, alumni, and professors to connect and get to know each other outside of a classroom setting.”

This dinner also featured an “insightful lecture by Alyson Welch about having a growth mindset,” Kate Normandin ’23, one of the Co-Chairs of the Freeman Student Advisory Board, said. Alyson Welch ’96 is the Vice President of Twilio’s Enterprise General Business. Twilio, as Normandin explained, is “a software company that also sponsors a case competition for Freeman Week. The winners of the case competition were announced on Friday morning at the networking breakfast.”

On the concluding day of Freeman Week, Holmes Hall was flooded with students, faculty and alumni participating in the Business Trends Summit. The Business Trends Summit began with a networking breakfast, during which students had the chance to engage in conversations with the alumni attendees. It was also at this event that Twilio Case Challenge winners were awarded. These students were recognized for producing and presenting a solution to a community problem of their choosing.

Following the breakfast, students were able to attend presentations put on by a number of impressive University alumni to learn more about various industries. The attendance of University students, as well as

faculty, at these presentations was very high.

This year, the format of Freeman Week differed greatly from that of years past. Gutkowski, one of the organizers of Freeman Week, elaborated on the benefit of holding the events in person, and how as we have all come back together, increasing face to face interactions has aided in continuing to build and develop the Freeman community. She also spoke with excitement of Holmes Hall filled with engaged students and faculty – not only from the College of Management, but the Colleges of Arts & Sciences and Engineering as well.

Those who participated were pleased to have had the opportunity to experience Freeman Week in person, after having been held virtually in 2021 – and in Holmes Hall, the new on-campus home of the College of Management. A member of the Freeman Student Advisory Board, Paris Abbot ’24, said that, “[e]very day of Freeman Week provided me with a new way to connect with past alumni as well as other successful individuals, face to face.”

“It was so inspiring to hear from professionals who were in my shoes not too long ago and are doing exactly what I aspire to be doing after college.”

Overall, many University students were enthusiastic about all the aspects of Freeman Week and enjoyed partaking in the events in person. Students across all areas of study were incredibly involved and took advantage of the opportunities offered over the course of the five days. Considering the high rate of participation and positive feedback, there is no doubt Freeman Week was a success for the Freeman College of Management and the University community as a whole.

Allergy season sweeps campus

William Mederios
Staff Writer

With the University spring coming to life, many students have complained about their seasonal allergies acting up within the student body.

Seasonal allergies are common in the spring, as plants and trees produce pollen, a powdery substance produced by plants for reproductive purposes. This yellow substance coats cars, windows and any surface it comes in contact with, including you. It irritates the nostrils and causes allergy symptoms including but not limited to sneezing, coughing, itchy eyes, runny noses and others.

Professor Mark Spiro from the Biology Department here at the University said that part of the reason why some individuals have severe allergies in the spring is due to their personal habits.

“If somebody’s personal microbiome is out of balance, this can lead to that individual becoming more susceptible to allergies,” Spiro said.

A microbiome “is the collection of all microbes, such as bacteria, fungi, viruses and their genes, that naturally live on our bodies and inside us,” according to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Spiro said that if a person is frequently surrounded by irritants similar to pollen, such as dust or dirt, their immune system will “train itself to become more used to these irritants.”

Spiro’s argument is that if one is surrounded by more irritants and/or has a more active

microbiome, they will be less vulnerable to seasonal allergies that many are experiencing. Professor Spiro made the following recommendations for individuals experiencing allergy discomfort, though he and the Bucknellian are not accredited doctors permitted to prescribe medication.

“A stressed-out immune system can be alleviated by eating organic, whole foods. Foods that have little to no preservatives or processed elements can relax one’s body, and thus their immune system,” Spiro said.

Additionally, over-the-counter medicines are available, such as Allegra, Claritin, Zyrtec, Flonase and others.

Theresa Dollar is a senior here at the University as well as a University Student Farm Leader. She oversees and guides volunteers and class trips to the University’s own five-acre farm, located adjacent to fraternity row. There she is constantly working with her hands, surrounded by plants, and remarked that the seasonal allergies are taking their toll on her.

“Spring allergies are definitely a thing not to take lightly, as they can cause all sorts of discomforts,” Dollar said. “Since I am constantly around plants, I take Zyrtec, an over-the-counter allergy relief medicine, so that my eyes are not itchy all the time.”

Allergies this spring season can be resolved, either by medicine, lifestyle changes or both.

STUDENTS SHINE IN ANNUAL STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

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It results from exposure to fashion reality shows, makeup advertisements, and pop culture. Though it began as a passion for arts and aesthetics, I slowly adjusted my beauty standards according to the glamor photographs on the screen. And I know this is not a single story,” Vu said.

“As a Marketing and Studio Art double major,” Vu said, “I am especially aware of how advertising images can be deceptive to convince consumers to buy the products. Through this project, I want to integrate my marketing knowledge to enhance my artistic pursuits, thereby voicing my stance on this matter. Using the same advertising tools that the fashion and beauty industries use to spread toxicity, I want to address the unrealistic advertising images and promote healthy body image.”

Another featured student in the exhibition is Kaitlyn Segreti ’25. As a first-year student, this was her first time seeing her work featured in a museum setting. Of her included pieces, her favorite piece was her painting “Piñata”. The assignment was to take a broken item and transform or mend it into something else, composing a personal symbolic sculptural object to serve as the subject of the still life.

“I was inspired to use a piñata as a way of critiquing today’s conception of adulthood as an irregular transition from childhood.

Piñatas are commonplace objects at celebratory events like children’s parties, designed to ultimately be broken through carefree, random swings and movements. Instead, I broke my piñata through deliberate cuts. This was done to symbolize the opposition of adulthood and childhood, as this process contradicts the purpose of a piñata. I support this idea by reconstructing the piñata in an unusual configuration. Again, this defeats the piñata’s function, as it is meant to stay broken. Through the painting, I try to convey my feelings that adulthood undoes the pre-established sense of freedom and fun that childhood created. The obscurity of the final piñata reflects the way in which we grow from children to adults is unnatural, and ultimately disturbing,” Segreti said.

Alex Greenawald ’23 had two pieces included in the show: a drawn portrait of his brother and a 3D printed bust of himself made in his digital sculpting class. As an artist, Greenawald prefers working with his hands and was ultimately more proud of his portrait, drawn in pencil and china marker that he dedicated a lot of time to.

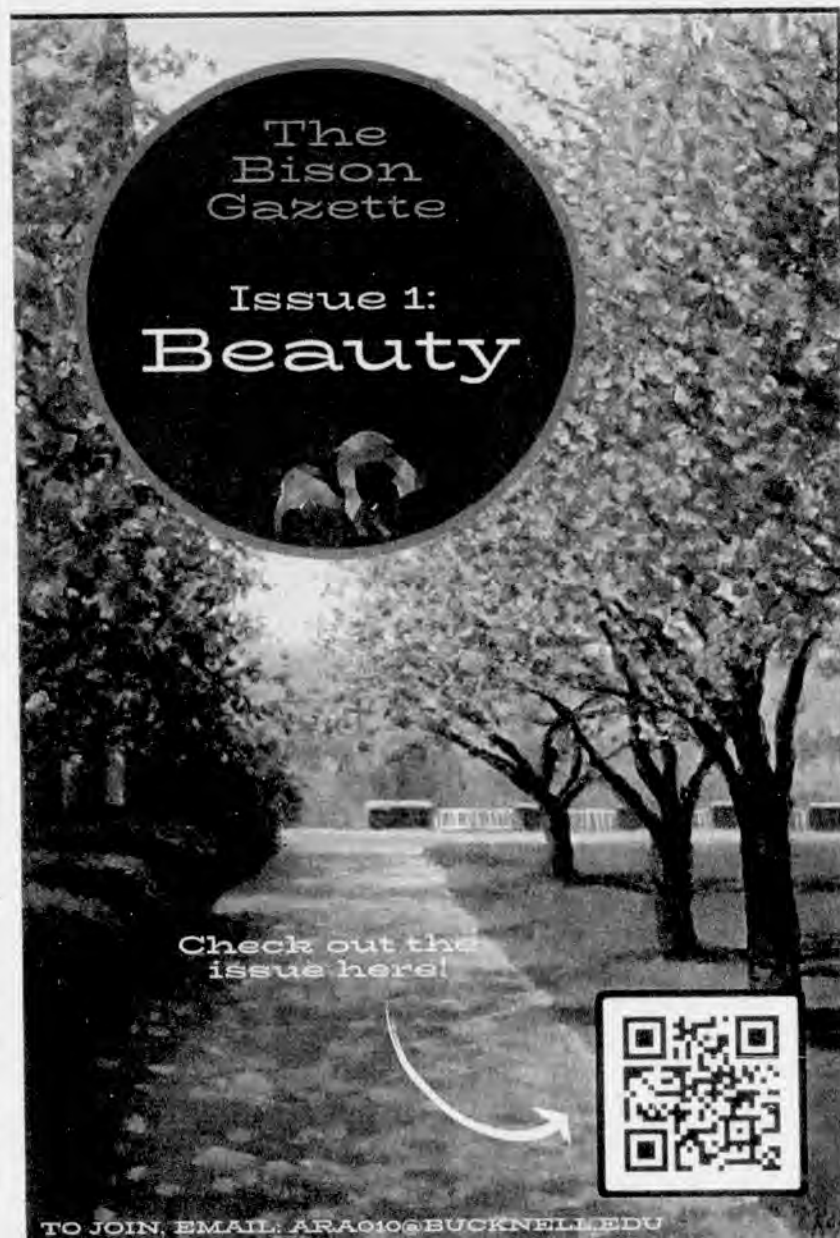
“I did go to the gala and I was surprised how many people were there and the artwork was really quite awesome. I’m hoping to do more exhibition work in the future, especially during my senior

year, so this was a nice little taste of that,” Greenawald said, though adding that this experience was less than ideal for him.

“I do wish there was more student input in how the pieces were displayed and what they chose to display,” he said, “Out of all the work that I submitted to be put into [the show], I was a little disappointed with what they chose because I don’t think it was my best work.”

Vu was similarly surprised by the number of people at the exhibition, saying “it makes me happy to know that there are still so many people on campus who are interested in art... As I was walking around the room, there would be some people who stopped me just to tell me how much they like my work and I really appreciate all of those encouragements.”

Reflecting, Vu continued. “In some way, I think art is a way to connect people of different cultures and remove all the language barriers, and this becomes clearer to me as I come to a totally different culture like America to study. As this is just the first year of my college experience, I’m excited to develop my art perspectives more thoroughly in the future with many more art classes from the Art & Art History Department.”



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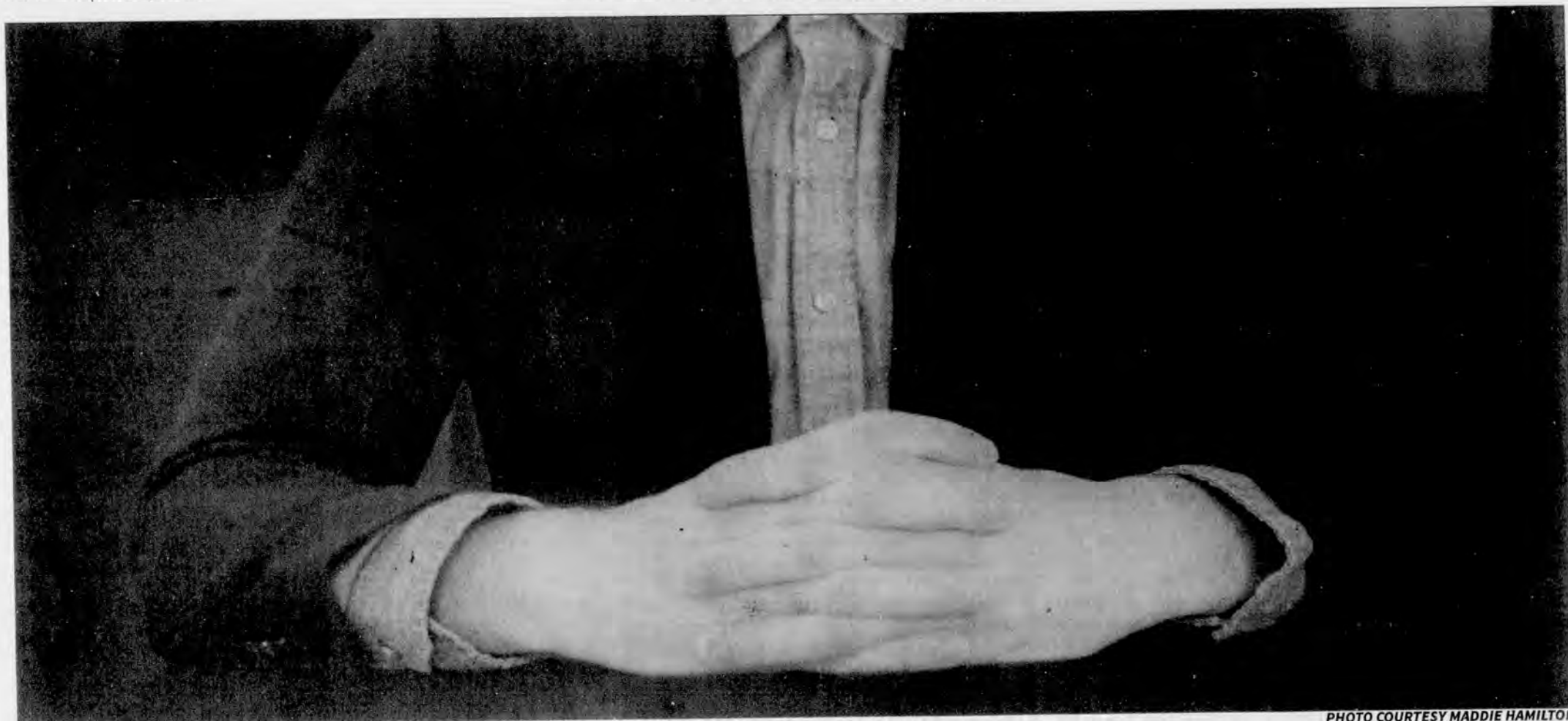


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Behind the Curtain: Who are Bucknell's trustees?

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For the second of three meetings in 2022, the University's Board of Trustees will reconvene for a three-day gathering starting on April 27. Though not guaranteed to be held on campus – the winter meeting was originally scheduled to take place in New York City, before being relegated to a virtual conference – next week's will presumably be occurring at the University.

The meetings are far from trivial in their content; the last conference alone concerned pressing discussions over the University's strategic plans, updates on current campus affairs and reviews over the University's compensation for faculty and staff. In short, these sparse gatherings are critical occurrences throughout the academic year in which the University's leadership ruminates and decides on its future prospects.

It is only natural that much of the Board's meetings involve a plethora of information on the various aspects that make up the "Bucknell experience"; though many are alumni, their involvements take them far beyond campus, necessitating the litany of updates over current affairs to better understand the institution they preside over. In an early 2020 meeting, the University's dynamics and cultures were discussed in association with the then-upcoming presidential election. During this meeting, President John Bravman reiterated to the Board his "commitment to a campus climate that values free speech as well as constructive and respectful community dialogue."

President Bravman himself has a leading role within these gatherings, serving as a sort of envoy and self-described "CEO" of the University to inform the Board of any pressing matters. A technical trustee himself, President Bravman has been occupied the past several weeks in preparation for the upcoming gathering, and consequently – according to Director of Media Relations Mike Ferlazzo – "now [was] just not a good time" for quotation in the foregoing article.

His role as a member of the Board, and as President of the University in particular, is one determined by the Trustees themselves, who oversaw the hiring process that led to his eventual appointment. Though Dean of Students Badal, Vice President for Information and Technology

Midkiff and Vice President for Finance and Administration Petula have a recurring role in some of the Board's meetings, President Bravman is a staple for these conferences, reporting on various recommendations demanding trustee consideration. One such recommendation came from the Planning & Budget Committee, arguing for an increase of 3.25 percent to the University's comprehensive fee. President Bravman would ultimately endorse an even higher 3.5 percent rise in tuition, a change which the Board approved.

Many of the Board's meetings involve listening to advisory committees on campus or independent firms hired by the University, followed by critical votes to determine the University's next steps. A meeting this past spring involved agreeing upon the first phases of the campus' strategic plans, which concerned a comprehensive campaign that "will focus primarily on increasing need-based financial aid resources and supporting other select strategic priorities that most directly lend themselves to garnering philanthropic support."

Future plans are not the limitation of the Board's voting power; faculty tenure, too, is determined by the Trustees. It is also within their realm of authority to confer degrees on each graduating class. They additionally determine changes to the campus' landscape, recently approving construction for installations such as Holmes Hall – whose namesake, Steve Holmes '79, is himself a trustee.

The Board is an integral part of ongoing projects at the University. At their Winter 2022 meeting, the Board approved a feasibility study for a new entrance to campus, including a welcome center at the corner of Moore Avenue and Seventh Street. The funds allocated to this study are to be no more than \$1,000,000, but as tuition continues to rise, the question of funding remains important to students. The decision to allocate funds for a "welcome center" when the University is undergoing intersecting crises of affordability is a curious one, according to Jillie Santos '22. "I think it's a misallocation of funds" she explained, "and this school should privilege student housing and food security over cosmetic projects." While trustees continue to consider the ongoing issues of mental health, financial aid and diversity, equity & inclusion, weighing equally the need for a welcome center may leave some

students asking questions.

Despite the many aspects of the University that the Board has essential control over, it has, remarkably, left Greek life almost completely untouched throughout its existence. In response to swirling rumors that Greek life would be dissolved on campus in 2017, President Bravman argued that – while he would promise to become more personally involved with issues of fraternity and sorority life – he would leave the fate of Greek Life itself to the students themselves, on condition of maintaining positive behavior. Nevertheless Trustees, should they deem it necessary, do in fact retain the power to remove the institution over students.

This approach seems oddly "hands-off" for an institution so incessantly involved in other aspects of university life. They hear updates on social activism, but not on Greek affairs; they hold responsibility for raising tuition prices beyond internal recommendations – directly affecting students and their families – but seemingly have no official interest in Greek life's role on campus.

And despite the repeated infractions from Greek organizations of the University's own policies, the board has maintained its indifferent position. In the past five years, four fraternities have been kicked off campus. One of these organizations was removed, returned with a new identity, only to be disbanded once more. Yet the popularity of Greek life among students has endured; nearly half of eligible students are in a fraternity or sorority, an inevitable draw for prospective students that trustees are reluctant to mitigate, even while some in the student body call for the institution's disbandment.

Students largely have a limited role within the Board's purview, their voices often relegated to the updates imparted by President Bravman. Though students have in the past garnered the opportunity to speak with trustees over arranged meals, they rarely take part in official meetings. A panel of student representatives shared their insight on daily campus life as far back as May of last year, and according to the meeting's summary, trustees in November of 2021 heard from two student athletes that participated in the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics.

The student body's apparent distance from critical decisions could be rectified by including student

trustees among the governing board, a dramatic change already seen among campuses such as the University of Massachusetts Amherst and Cornell University. The Bucknellian has found no official discussion over this possibility, though the Board possesses the broad authority to change this reality at will.

Similar institutions to the University, including Wesleyan and Dickinson, have provided a blueprint with which the University could alter its own Board of Trustees. At Wesleyan, the Board comprises up to 36 trustees, nine of whom are selected by alumni, with remaining trustees elected by the Board itself. Their board meets four times a year on campus, meetings which include six additional student representatives and six faculty representatives. Dickinson College takes a slightly different approach to student inclusion in the activities of the Board of Trustees. Since 2011, their Board of Trustees has included space for two Young Alumni Trustees – recent graduates of the college who join the board at the time of their graduation and remain on the Board for the following two years – at which point another recent graduate is selected to take their place.

Additionally, though the list of trustees (both current and emeriti) is displayed through their very own page on the University's website, information on the board's members remains difficult to uncover. Brief biographies on the University's website, currently afforded to all full-time faculty and staff of the University, are nonexistent for current and emeritus trustee members.

Outside of the University's website, however, the trustees receive significantly more exposure in their capacities as captains of industry, artists and professionals. A 2020 Bucknellian article highlighted trustee Chris Sullivan '92 and his role as CEO of Primus Technologies, a company that served as a supplier to Raytheon Technologies for twenty years. Raytheon was in 2019 listed by USA Today as one of the companies earning most from warfare, with annual profits totaling two billion dollars. Though Primus would eventually be acquired by Spartronics LLC, Sullivan remains on the board.

Bob Chrencik '73 is another trustee whose position has previously raised eyebrows, remaining on the board despite being ousted

from his position as President and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical System over accusations involving self-dealing and no-bid contracting. Yet nowhere is there mention of either his or Sullivan's role at the University being discussed or compromised as a result of these unflattering revelations.

Board members' occupations range from executive members of investment firms, heads of real estate companies and CEOs of retail chains. Board Chairman Chris O'Brien '80, whose appointment was unanimously confirmed by the rest of the voting trustees, is the CEO of a private equity investment firm. Only a small handful of trustees with academic backgrounds are part of the newly formed trustee advisory group – including Keren Bergman '88, Professor and Chair of Electrical Engineering at Columbia University.

Yet despite their limited higher education qualifications and near-universal high-dollar career backgrounds, the strategic plans for the University's future remain essentially in the hands of these individuals. They are guided by recommendations from campus groups or independent hires, all of which can be ignored for more preferable approaches while electing new members through votes among other trustees.

The Board, by virtue of the University's structure, has the authority to make change in every area of the University. Core curriculum, financial aid, admissions, Greek affairs and student affairs – while normally delegated to their respective University departments – are ultimately beholden to the Board's final approval.

So, as students have this year protested Public Safety conduct, asked for increased mental health support, took out private loans to finance their education and consider Greek life through a critical lens, their requests lie ultimately not with staff, faculty, peers, or even upper administration. The ends of their demands wait, instead, at the door of the Board.

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Suffering students compete for extra credit as end of semester looms

Aaron Chin
Senior Writer

April showers may bring May flowers, but they also presage the end of yet another year here at the University. Here at the Bucknellian, we are sad to see that our year is quickly ending. I, for one, will miss writing about farting in class, Ken Burns traveling back in time and the casino night getting swept by that Las Vegas Caravan. Because of the dear friends and memories that I have made here, I truly wish that we had more time.

There is a select group of students that also wished that they had more time – if only to submit the assignments that they may or may not have forgotten to do. Luckily for them, many professors are offering extra credit. However, some of these extra credit opportunities are... interesting.

For example, one professor in the Engineering School has been having their students develop blueprints for a hypothetical college/university. According to the professor, the hypothetical university would be called "Buckley University," and would have a tuition of almost \$80,000 per year and would be located in Bewisburg, Pa.

"This has no relation to our university at all," the professor

said, adding unprompted that "I have no desire to build my own rival university to compete with this one."

However, this extra credit opportunity has proven very polarizing for students. While some students are finding enjoyment through this work, others consider it nothing but frustrating. The professor in question allegedly continues to raise the workload, "upping the ante" for what was supposed to be a quick extra credit opportunity. For instance, the professor has added some strange instructions to the assignment, including the following:

"In your blueprint, be sure to include three spiral staircases that lead to absolutely nowhere"; "In your blueprint, be sure to include at least one room dedicated to mirrors. Nothing but mirrors"; and, "Have one room in your blueprint be dedicated to me. The walls should be covered with framed pictures of me, important quotes by me, etc..."

Some students have been dropping out of this extra credit race, however, since the professor only ultimately promised them one extra point on the final exam. Why professors keep adding ridiculous amounts of work for little reward – the world may never know.

Students lay out Prank Eggs during Easter Egg Hunt

Maximus Bean
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This past Sunday practicing Christians celebrated Easter, a holiday rivaled only by Mike the Headless Chicken Day and Halloween as the most eccentric, egg-centric holiday of the year. Many students rejoiced over the pivotal holiday in the Christian calendar, coinciding with Passover, which is celebrated in the same week. But it's time to move on to the secular variant of the holiday, not to mention the strange idea of a rabbit laying down eggs.

The University celebrated Easter in the only way they knew how: an Easter egg hunt, as if brightly-colored plastic eggs don't stand out against dull foliage.

Nevertheless, this didn't stop some misguided, mischievous seniors from emptying a few beforehand and replacing their candy-filled interiors with surprises of their own. No, it wasn't the classic snake-in-a-peanut-can trick, but with real snakes. To celebrate school spirit, seniors set up eggs with real bison hair inside. While there was some kind of environmental message made with this display, the ecological underpinnings were quickly ignored in favor of shouts of:

"Ew! What is this stuff?" One student, Snerdly Wiggins IV, had this to say about his egg-hunting experience. "Man, you have no idea how fierce the competition was. I had about 17 scrapes and wounded another five people before I got my hands

on an egg. When I opened it up, you know what popped out? Some hair and a stupid pamphlet! 'Save the Bison' or whatever. It made me want to grab a hunting rifle as soon as I saw it. Worst campaign ever!"

Needless to say, this Easter egg debacle eggs-acerbated the tensions between humans and animals greatly, despite the fact that humans were the ones who planned and ruined the event. However, as a result of this hunt, students have reported an 87 percent decrease in the squirrel population, which is an unquestionable blessing upon the Lewisburg population. One can only assume that hunting season, usually reserved for the fall, has begun five months earlier than expected.

Statistics show positive correlation between economy slowing down and Wordle users

Juliette Gaggini
Satire Co-Editor

Concern around the positive correlation between the slowing economy and the number of Wordle users is growing steadily, revealing itself for the first time this week in national media. Though you may think it can't be true that this silly word game could have such an effect, it is estimated that there is a 96 percent correlation between the number of people playing the word game, their amount of time spent playing and the plummeting economy.

You may be wondering, "How come I haven't heard these statistics yet if this is true?" Well, some (me) would argue the media does not want you to know. Why would the New York

Times report on the negative effects of Wordle if it is creating the most traction the website has had in nearly a decade?

Anonymous sources have indicated that the New York Times is trying to find a way to implement Wordle into their print newspapers in hopes of selling more copies. It is rumored these new electronic print-like copies will resemble something similar to the moving newspapers from Harry Potter.

The negative impacts of Wordle can also be seen right here on campus. Students are reported to suffer a 65 percent decrease in attention span while in class due to thinking about doing the Wordle, how they could not figure out the Wordle or actually trying to guess the Wordle while in class.

Political science major Berry

Benson '22 claims the creator of Wordle is a serious threat to our society as we know it. "Most people are so consumed with their fear of Bezos and Zuckerberg that they don't realize the newest threat – Josh Wardle, the creator of Wordle. I saw a video on TikTok where he said he doesn't want the game to take over people's lives," Benson said.

"Then why is it consuming me, Josh?"

The debate about whether or not the word game has actually created such big ripples in the economy is still on the backburner, due to most people's current focus on other debates, such as which B-list celebrity's outfits "served" at Coachella this year. Nevertheless, many claim it will take years for us to understand the full velocity of the effects of Wordle.

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To Solve the Housing crisis, University establishes "Housing Boats" on the Susquehanna

Maximus Bean
Satire Co-Editor

This upcoming week, one accepted proposal to the University's housing crisis is causing some stir among the students. While construction is happening around Vedder Hall to the chagrin of many day-sleepers and silence enthusiasts, construction is also beginning at the base of the Susquehanna river (lovingly referred to as "the Susky"). The newly-coined "house-boat" is an ingenious mix of house and boat. Some gawkers may say that such a design is flawed when it comes to dozens of fraternities boozing it up in open waters. After all, who wouldn't want to drink copious amounts of alcohol in the middle of a

raging river? Don't answer that, I'm already in hot water over my recent calls to violence against the local squirrel population. Either way, let's hope the recipients are proper sea-men. The last thing this campus needs is a couple of landlubbers.

Jokes aside, the real questions lie in who, exactly, gets the "honor" of living there? Who would be so unlucky as to be stationed there for the semester? Students have gone back and forth around this, most of them pushing the burden of ownership onto the fraternities, while others laid the burden on the displaced Vedder residents. On the bright side, applications are open for any poor sap without housing this semester to apply...or the University can just stuff the first-years onto it. Either way it's a win-win.

Supposedly the houseboats would be attached to land from a single stake in the ground and held from a single strand of rope. There would be only six bathrooms, and the beds are just hammocks suspended above the deck. Lifeboats? Who needs lifeboats? The only thing to worry about is the seasickness, but hey, what do you know, the whole sea is your toilet! On the subject though, toilet jokes are too easy of a subject for this. After all, how would plumbing work? That's not for me to say. At The Bucknellian, we don't stoop so low as to do bathroom humor. We are strictly a pun-based community that deals with snarky jokes, strange topics and a very attached enthusiasm for the various figures around the University community.

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HAVE YOU HUGGED A TREE TODAY?

Sophia Giacalone
Staff Writer

No seriously, have you? — hugged a tree, kissed the ground, planted a shrub? Anything? Seriously? Well then, dismissing the irony that this article probably found its way into your hands via paper copy, stay tuned for a list of reasonable sustainable changes you could be making to your campus living to make up for any critical lack of tree-hugging and earth-loving and interact with this article to be featured in a special follow-up edition.

Picture this scene: under a beautiful University American Elm — or it might not have been, since I'm not really a tree enthusiast — sits a Bucknellian author with fabulous hair (remember this detail for later) and the perfect pair of vintage Harley Davidson leather boots on her feet (hold on to this for later as well) sitting at a picnic table, little more than 10 paces from the Elaine Langone Center. They wait for some Earth Day inspiration. As you're about to find out, I found plenty of it. Sitting at a table within earshot of my own was another student, basking in the University campus glow.

So before I continue, I want to describe a few key aspects of this scene, and before I can offend anyone, these are not assumptions I am making about another person — but rather, self assertions given to me by this student who also gave full consent to everything you will soon read. I have respected wishes to remain anonymous where requested. Okay, now those key aspects: she is wearing a really cool vintage-y looking ragged and starting to fade T-shirt, portraying a cartoon recycle sign with a face and hat dancing on a cartoon Earth that reads "keep her clean." As it was confirmed to me, this shirt was indeed thrifted locally. The backpack she wore had several patches on it, one of which was a recycle sign and another was an image of a tree and the words "Earth Day" on it. So after taking notice of these things, the conclusion I've reached — one you no doubt have reached as well — is that this University sophomore is the woodland fairy of my dreams who's going to help me formulate my Earth Day article. But here comes that good old Oliver Twist. She hates Earth Day. I know, I know, just a few lines up I mentioned the Earth Day patch, but I'm not kidding — totally against it. Not a fan. She does not like Earth Day. Go figure.

And here was her explanation, "Earth Day should be every day. Why do we only think about and care for our planet only one day out of the year?" Despite my being fairly shocked by this for a while, we talked for some time on the subject before going our separate ways, after which I couldn't help but look up if she was alone in this thinking. I'm an Environmentalist and I Hate Earth Day was an article published by the Detroit Free Press in 2019, and the gist is rather similar to this (self-proclaimed) flower child.

Alright then, flower child from the University and environmentalist of the Detroit Free Press, you've presented a solid argument — but here's my counter: Do you celebrate a birthday? Presents?

Cake? Money-filled envelopes from your relatives or somewhat hollow well wishes from your group of a coworker? Or, depending on what birthday you're celebrating, an unwelcome but somewhat festive card from the friendly people at AARP? If any of these apply then you do in fact celebrate a birthday and I would hardly believe either of you, a student from the University or a columnist from Detroit, in saying that the other 364 days of the year you are completely forgotten about or deliberately ignored.

My point is essentially that, while I understand the argument that every day should be a new stride towards a better or greener world, we are not always going to have our reusable metal straw on hand or remember our reusable mesh shopping bag before leaving for GIANT, but that doesn't mean we're not trying. Yes, Earth Day is one specific day but we don't just forget the ground we stand on when the day's done and start littering our trash because the calendar says it's fine to do so. So here's my thought on the matter; every day is a new day with new responsibilities, new challenges, attempts and failures and you don't have to donate your entire paycheck to the melting ice or dumpster dive for that one plastic spoon your roommate mistakenly threw into the trash bin to be conscious of our shared earth. There are small, but impactful things each student can do to collectively bring about change. There's no need to force sustainability into every casual conversation you have or trade-in your current car for a Nissan Leaf to feel good about the change you can make. And if you're in need of some creative and practical ways to start making those small changes then here are our picks for the top easy changes for students that will either save on money or save space in cramped dorms.

Wool dryer balls. Consider making the change from regular dryer sheets to reusable wool dryer balls. They cost anywhere from six to 10 dollars, can be found on Amazon or at Walmart and last upwards of 1,000 uses. As someone who uses them personally, I would attest to the product's claim that they can dry clothes quicker than a typical dryer sheet and I won't be needing to replace them for the next several years.

Better detergent. A more eco-friendly detergent could include either Dropps, a sustainably packaged detergent, or my personal favorite, Earth Breeze, a biodegradable detergent sheet. You can buy a box of 64-count Dropps detergent pods for \$26 for a single purchase or \$19.50 for a recurring subscription to the company. This box is lightweight, compostable or recyclable and takes up far less room in small spaced dorms than the typical bottle of liquid detergent that we all know could be interchanged with a piece of heavy gym equipment. The Earth Breeze sheets take up even less space and arrive in a box not much bigger than the common wallet. I will also mention that the subscription to this product saves on

average five cents per load over a bottle of Tide per load.

Beeswax wraps. Another reasonable option for being more sustainable on campus would include using reusable, washable beeswax wraps to store leftover foods. Packs of these can range anywhere from four to 12 dollars, whereas a box of one-time use ziplock bags will run you just under 13 dollars. This is a beautiful example of when sustainability coincides with economic benefit.

And finally, a few tips and tricks on being sustainable on campus from yours truly that actually save on money. I'll keep these short and snappy. We're charged for every use of the washing and dryer machines on campus — so only run full loads. This will work to save on water and electricity. Secondly, if you have a meal plan on campus that includes swipes to the caf — take everything that you can carry since it's all included in the price for that meal plan anyway. Bring a tote or other reusable bag and grab all the products you can off of the shelves instead of spending money at places like Walmart. And if you eat cereal in your dorm or just like the taste of milk, do not purchase it from stores. It will come in bulky plastic containers and you can always bring a reusable cup and fill it with milk from the dispensers at the caf to save for later. Lastly, for those who have remembered an earlier comment on the state of my hair, and have made it to the end, still waiting for that explanation I alluded to, here is where this seemingly self-serving remark should now make a little more sense. One of my favorite tips for living a little more sustainably is by reducing a small bit of plastic consumption and using shampoo and conditioner bars, which take up far less space in a shower caddy than typical liquid hair products. My personal favorite is a brand called Viori, working to reduce plastic consumption a little bit at a time. Ah hah — now you get that hair comment, don't you? You might now also remember a comment about my sense in footwear which, yes, might have a touch of self-serving attitude, but also serves a purpose. This is my attempt at selling you on the idea of thrifting rather than always buying new, and in making my point all the stronger, this particular pair was found at one of the local Selinsgrove thrift stores. This saves on money and is a great way to give life to old clothing.

With small and convenient changes to the way you live on campus and a pretty good game plan on how and where to get started, as mentioned above, that leaves only one question: what's stopping you from making a difference?

Did we miss any good campus tricks to living sustainably on a budget? Leave a comment on this article, Have you Hugged a Tree Today's page on the Bucknellian's website to be featured in the following issue with your idea.

THE BUCKNELLIAN *sports*

B1 — April 22, 2022

Women's Golf takes on the Patriot League Championship

Kaylee Donnelly
Senior Writer

The Bison women's golf team traveled to Navy's USNA Golf Course this past weekend to compete in the Patriot League Championship. The Bison in total faced Holy Cross, Lehigh, Richmond, Navy and Boston University.

The first day finished with the Bison in fifth place, posting a team score of 336. Cristina Canales '24 led Friday with a score of 83, followed by Sun Woo Jeon '22 and Kelsey Yi '24 with 84 each. The next four teams above the women were only separated by nine strokes, leading to a very close first day, and a chance for the Bison to climb up.

The second day finished with the Bison in fifth place again. The team was led by Jeon, who scored a career-best 74. This score was only two less than the University's record for the Patriot League Championship, which was a 72 achieved in 2019. The team total for the day was 317, improving from their first day by 19 strokes. The

next three behind Jeon also beat the Bison's top score of the first day. Tatum McKelvey '23 scored an 80, followed by Tara Thomas '25 with an 81 and Yi with an 82.

At the end of day two, Richmond led the leaderboard, followed by Boston, Lehigh and Navy. The Orange and the Blue held their spot steady, 12 strokes above Holy Cross.

The third day secured the Bison's spot in fifth. Thomas posted a 77, the team's best of the day, with the team total adding to 330. Thomas also scored the low for the Bison at the tournament, finishing tied for 18th with a total of 243.

Boston University came out on top over Richmond by one stroke. Navy finished third while Lehigh finished fourth. The Bison finished in fifth with a total of 983 over 54 holes.

This game wraps it up for the Bison Women's Golf this year. The women will not be competing again until the 2022-2023 season.

Holly Burns
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison men's lacrosse team secured a decisive 23-7 Patriot League win over Holy Cross this past Saturday, keeping them alive as tournament play gets ever closer.

Alston Tarry '22 led the Bison offense with a 12-point record performance, tallying six goals and six assists on the day. Pete von Hoffmann (1979 vs. Penn State), Matt Fraser (1980 vs. Lafayette), Chris Cara (2004 vs. Lafayette), Billy Eisenreich (2012 vs. Robert Morris) and

Will Yorke (2020 vs. Marist) were all previously tied with 11 points for the Bison's single-game point record. Tarry now has 133 total goals, only 10 goals away from making the Bison's top-10 list for career goals.

While Tarry certainly led the offense, there were several other Bison behind him adding multi-goal performances to secure the win. Dutch Furlong '24 added four goals and one assist, Connor Davis '25 tallied three goals and one assist, Harry Wellford '22 netted four goals and Jack

Billitier '23 three of his own. Davis now has 38 goals on the season, putting him in eighth place for season-high goals by a Bison. Furlong is not far off the list himself, with 32 total goals this season alone.

Nick Crovatto '22 was strong in faceoffs, winning 19 on the day and adding six ground balls. Crovatto hit his 300th career faceoff win, joining three others to become the fourth Bison to reach this milestone. Danny Striano '23 and Frankie Higgins '22 helped out Crovatto, recording seven ground balls each.

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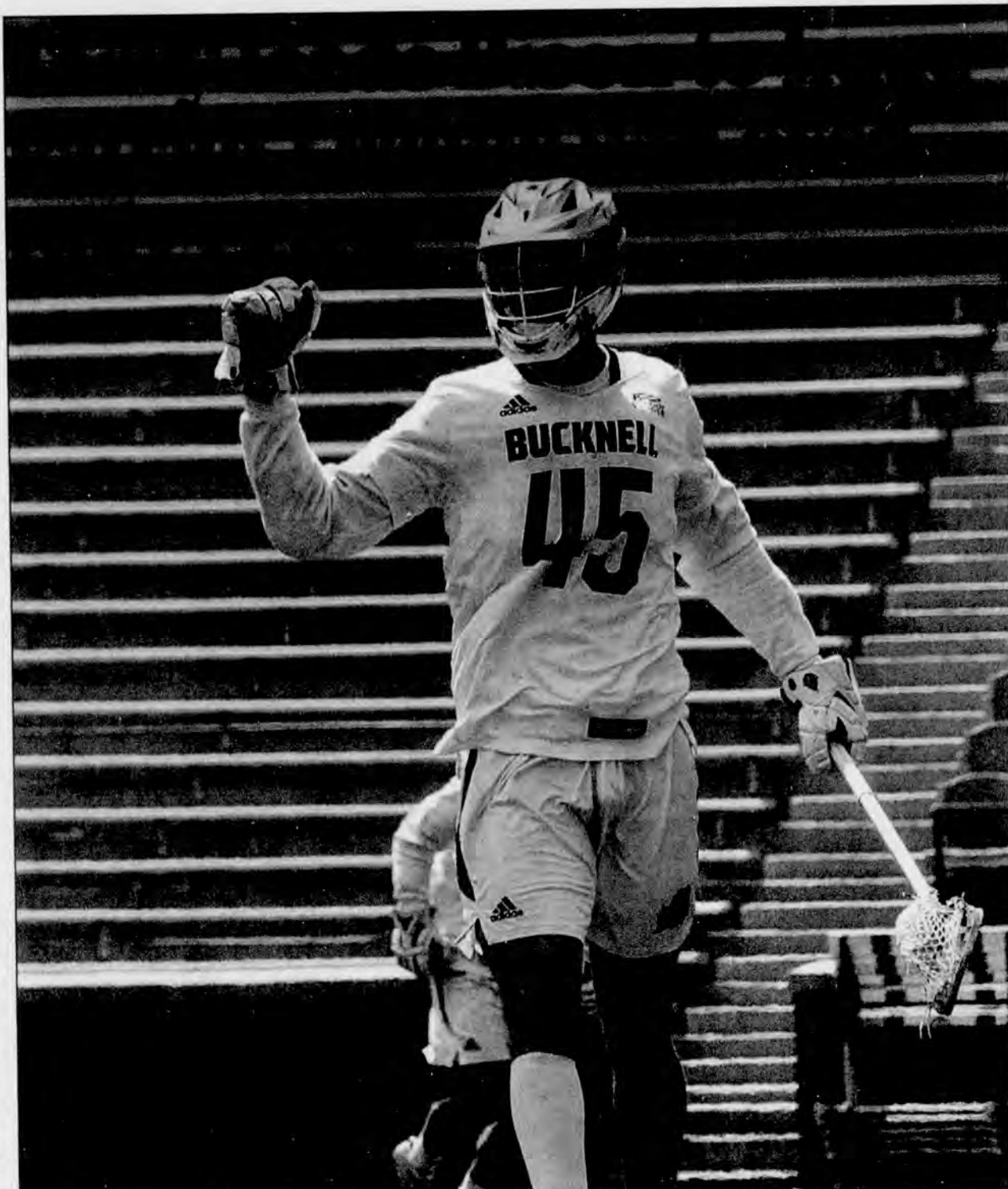


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Upcoming Events

Women's Water Polo

- Vs Brown on 4/22

Men's Lacrosse

- V Vs Lafayette on 4/22 at 7:30pm

Men's and Women's Track and Field

- Bucknell Team Challenge on 4/23

Softball

- Vs Lehigh on 4/23 at 12pm
- Vs Lehigh on 4/23 at 2pm
- Vs Lehigh on 4/24 at 12pm

Baseball

- Vs Lehigh on 4/23 at 12pm
- Vs Lehigh on 4/23 at 2:30pm
- Vs Lehigh on 4/24 at 1pm

Men's Tennis

- Vs Lehigh on 4/23 at 2pm

Women's Lacrosse

- Vs Boston University on 4/23 at 2pm

Bison men's baseball takes loss on series

Paige Temple
Contributing Writer

The Bison traveled to Holy Cross this weekend and ended with a 2-1 loss in the series. In game one, Will Greer '23 (5-1) threw yet another complete game and allowed only five hits. Of those five, only two runners scored, but the Bison only brought around one run – leaving the score at a 2-1 loss for the Orange and Blue.

The Orange and Blue took a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning off a solo home run by Sean Keys '25 – a career first for Keys. But the Crusaders then responded with a solo home run and in the seventh brought in the second run to cap off the runs for the day. The Bison were limited to four hits on the day, with Grant Voytovich '24, Jacob Corson '24 and Tyler Dunn '25 each posting hits for the Bison despite the defeat.

Game two went right down to the end, with the Crusaders coming back from a 10-4 lead to defeat the Bison 11-10. The Bison started hot and scored six runs in the first three innings. Jake Wortman '23 started things off in the frame by drawing a walk on four straight pitches with the bases loaded before Kyle Lyons '23 drove in two runs on an RBI single. Cannizzaro then singled to the pitcher to allow Wortman to score from second on an error in the infield.

The Crusaders scored seven runs in response during the final three innings, eventually putting them ahead by one to end the game. The Bison managed 13 hits overall, with Dunn, Corson, Lyons and Brendan Lowery '22 each picking up multiple hits in the 11-10 loss for the Bison.

The Bison turned around their

luck on Sunday, pulling out an 8-0 win against the Crusaders to end the weekend on a high note. The Bison shut down the Crusaders for eight scoreless innings led by senior Austin Odell '22 (5-2). The Orange and Blue came up with 12 big hits to improve to 11-7 in Patriot League play this season.

Logan Kellerman '22 proved a major asset for the Bison, recording a career high of four RBIs. Kellerman used a sac fly on a full count to score Corson, giving the Bison a 1-0 lead. Kellerman then brought in two more runs in the fourth, concluding his big day by bringing Corson around on a fielder's choice.

The Bison brought in three more runs in the fifth and two in the seventh to give generous support to Odell, who threw a career-high eight innings on Sunday. The Bison capped off their scoring for the day in the seventh when Kellerman brought home Dunn on another sac fly, before another fielding error allowed Kyle Lyons to touch home on a ball put in play by Lowery and give the Bison an 8-0 victory.

Logan Kellerman spoke at length on the weekend. "I don't think this weekend went our way," he admitted. "We didn't control Saturday's games but we came back ready to win and took care of business. It was a good test for us this season and we are looking forward to carrying the momentum from Sunday into tomorrow and this weekend," Kellerman said.

The Bison will face Lehigh this Saturday at 12 p.m.

Bison excel at home competition

Justin Schaumberger
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison men's and women's track and field teams had very successful weekends at the Bison Outdoor Classic. While the competition was not scored overall, several individuals on the team met with major accomplishment.

Among the men's team particularly, several standout performances were offered. Quinn McCutcheon '25 competed in the mile for the first time this spring and placed first out of the 19 competitors. Anthony Zamarra '23, meanwhile, posted a score of 54-9.25 in the shotput which was good enough for second all-time in Bison history. Aiden Brewer '22 competed in the decathlon and won the 400 and 1500, placed 11 in the 100, 13 in long jump, 14 in high jump and 16 in shot put.

Several other individuals had success in their respective competitions. Grayson Crockett '25 finished seventh in the mile, Jack Calisi '23 placed 11 in hammer throw, Brandon Foust '25 finished 25 in the 100, and Christian Cadmus '24 placed 11 in the 3000. Additionally several Bison finished well in the 400 with Rayven Sample '24 placing 12th and Colby Belczyk '25 placing 22nd. In the 200, Matthew Perello '24 finished with a strong time of 22.36 which was good enough for 14 out of the 68 competitors. The Bison also were very strong in the discus where Braden Stryker '25 finished 9, Daniel Guzman '24 finished 19, the

Bucknellian's own Jaxon White '23 finished 21 and Zamarra took 24. The Bison were also very strong in the relays with the 4x400 team of Sample, Thomas Matsumura '22, Alex Simpson '24 and Belczyk finishing fourth.

On the women's side, there were also several impressive performances. Ashlyn Ramos '22 finished fourth in the 10k with the fourth best time in Bison history. Karly Forker '22 finished 10 in the 1500 which was also the fourth best time in Bison history for the event. Gianna Macones '22 also placed in the top five in the long jump with an 18-6.

Karly Renn '25 had another strong performance in the pole vault, tying a personal best and taking sixth place. Abby Kates '24 and Hollie Walters '24 both finished top five in the high jump and mile respectively. Mariana Engleby '24 (6) and Margaret McLoughlin '25 (10) both also finished top 10 in the mile.

The Bison were also very strong in the relay. The 4x400 team of Michaela Bracken '22, Jessie Castellano '23, Meghan Quinn '24 and Bridget Lalonde '23 took first with a time of 3:48.57. The 4x100 team of Lalonde, Quinn, Macones, and Karen Hull '24 was impressive as they finished second to Buffalo by only 0.09 seconds. This time was also the second best time in program history. All eight of the members of relays also placed really well in their respective

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MEN'S LACROSSE

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The Orange and Blue dominated the Crusaders in all facets, with a 65-29 advantage in shorts, 43-15 advantage in SOG, 49-27 advantage in ground balls and 23-11 advantage in faceoff wins.

The Bison now sit in sixth place in Patriot League standings, hoping to secure a few more wins to send them to the conference quarter-finals. The Orange and Blue are back in action against

Lafayette for their Senior Day game this coming Friday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

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competitions. Lalonde earned a top 10 time in program history by placing third in the 400 with a 56.20. Castellano also finished top 10 in the 400 with a time of 57.36. Quinn finished fourth and seventh in the 100

and 200 respectively while Macones placed seventh in the 100. Bracken earned third place in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:03.12.

Both the men's and women's teams will host the

Bucknell Team Challenge this coming weekend. The competition will only be a single day on April 23.

Big Patriot League weekend for men's and women's tennis

Holly Burns
Sports Co-Editor

MEN'S

The men's tennis team blanked Lafayette this past weekend 7-0, improving to 4-2 in Patriot League play.

Harrison Gold '24 and Nick Mueller '23 were really strong for the Bison, winning all three of their doubles matches. Overall, the Bison didn't lose more than three games in any of their sets.

Michael Owen '23, Tim Zelikovsky '24, Nicolas Grunig '25 and Charlie Nordahl '23 all won both their singles and doubles matches for the Orange and Blue. Zelikovsky's No. 4 singles win marks his 13th in a row, making him 14-4 in dual matches.

The Bison will close out their regular-season play at home against Lehigh on Saturday, April 23.

Doubles:

Harrison Gold/Nick Mueller (B) def. Josh Wolfe/Nash Lovallo (L) - 6-4

Michael Owen/Tim Zelikovsky (B) def. Davis Esslinger/Arman Ganchi (L) - 6-2

Nicolas Grunig/Charlie Nordahl (B) def. Ross Coleman/Charles Keller (L) - 6-4

Singles:

Harrison Gold (B) def. Arman Ganchi (L) - 6-0, 6-2
Nick Mueller (B) def. Josh Wolfe (L) - 6-2, 6-2

Michael Owen (B) def. Nash Lovallo (L) - 6-1, 6-3
Tim Zelikovsky (B) def. Charles Keller (L) - 6-2, 6-2
Nicolas Grunig (B) def. Davis

Esslinger (L) - 6-3, 6-0
Charlie Nordahl (B) def. Luke Ritchie (L) - 6-3, 6-1

WOMEN'S

Senior captain Daniela Bellini '22 was recognized for her admirable career as a Bison before the women's tennis matchup on Saturday, April 16. Bellini is a two-time All-Patriot League selection, and holds a 49-25 singles record (17th in University history).

Bellini, Whitney King '25, Tyne Miller '24 and Laurel Utterback '24 fought hard until the end of their matches against Army West Point on Saturday, but were unable to pull away with victories on the day.

Singles:

Daniela Bellini (BU) vs. Stephanie Dolehide (ARMY) 3-6, 1-4 (unfinished)
Caroline Vincent (ARMY) def. Tyne Miller (BU) 6-0, 6-1
Laurel Utterback (BU) vs. Cooper Jackson (ARMY) 6-3, 1-6 (unfinished)
Paola Bou (ARMY) def. Anna Lajos (BU) 6-1, 6-3
Kate Novak (BU) vs. Justine Dondonay (ARMY) 0-6, 3-5 (unfinished)
Paige Herremans (ARMY) def. Caroline Marcus (BU) 6-1, 6-2

Doubles:

Stephanie Dolehide/Caroline Vincent (ARMY) def. Daniela Bellini/Whitney King (BU) 6-4
Cooper Jackson/Paige Herremans (ARMY) def. Madi Sebulsky/Anna Lajos (BU) 6-1
Paola Bou/Sam DiMaio (ARMY) def. Tyne Miller/

Laurel Utterback (BU) 7-6 (7)

On Sunday the Orange and Blue faced Towson, but were unable to improve on their scores from Saturday. Bellini and King were only narrowly defeated, and the two finished with a 21-5 record on the season.

Singles:

Themis Haliou (TU) def. Tyne Miller (BU) 6-0, 6-1
Laurel Utterback (BU) vs. Antonia Lawson (TU) 3-6, 1-4 (unfinished)
Anna Lajos (BU) vs. Jessica Assenmacher (TU) 4-6, 4-5 (unfinished)
Sarah Pospischill (TU) def. Madi Sebulsky (BU) 6-1, 6-2
Caroline Marcus (BU) vs. Lea Kosanovic (TU) 1-6, 4-3 (unfinished)
Not contested - Bucknell forfeit

Doubles:

Themis Haliou/Lea Kosanovic (TU) def. Daniela Bellini/Whitney King (BU) 7-5
Jessica Assenmacher/Antonia Lawson (TU) def. Madi Sebulsky/Anna Lajos (BU) 6-3
Tyne Miller/Laurel Utterback (BU) def. Sarah Pospischill/Nadeen Shrebaty (TU) 6-4

The Orange and Blue are back in action in the Patriot League Championships in Bethlehem, Pa. The PL Championships will be held from April 22-24, and the Bison start off tournament play against the Loyola Greyhounds.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Kailyn Lorberter '23

Profile

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Softball

Hometown

Downey, Ca.

High School

Warren High

School



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Clara McCormick

Senior Writer

Bison softball's Kailyn Lorberter '23 has contributed much to the team's season thus far, despite a tough schedule for the Bison. The junior infielder has played in every game since her freshman year, starting 79 out of 85 games. This season, the Downey, Ca. native has achieved a .130 batting average with two runs and two RBIs, and a .889 field percentage.

Lorberter reflects on her statistics this season. "Although my stats don't show my ability," she said, "I have felt that I have had my best hitting year yet and hope for it to finally show next season."

In fact, Lorberter is thrilled to improve upon what the Bison have already accomplished this season. "I am going to be a senior next year and I've learned a lot from our current seniors about leadership, so I'm excited to go into next year with that knowledge."

Admittedly, the Bison are not having their best season when it comes to their record. But Lorberter sees potential in her team, and they are lucky to experience her leadership. "I would say as a team, we might not be the best this season, but the whole team has been able to adapt and move into different roles, like playing different positions and having other responsibilities. We're all really close and our team chemistry has been the best since I have been here."

"I think a big part of our team is that even if we're having a bad day physically, we're still able to count

on one another," Lorberter said.

Prior to her time as a junior, Lorberter has also racked up a number of accomplished seasons. In her rookie season, she had a .190 batting average with six runs and two RBIs, and in her sophomore year, she earned a .226 batting average with 14 hits. During this season Lorberter totaled seven runs and three RBIs.

Lorberter and the Bison still have six games left - three against Lehigh and three against Lafayette - until they have the potential to compete in the Patriot League tournament. The team's chemistry and Lorberter's leadership will ideally drive them the rest of the way.

Career Stats

0.184 batting average
34 hits
15 runs scored
8 RBIs
0.925 fielding percentage
110 putouts
76 assists

Strong weekend for women's Rowing

Holly Burns
Sports Co-Editor

The Bison women's rowing squad had a dual meet this weekend against Eastern Michigan and UConn on the Susquehanna River. The Bison won six out of their eight races, the Second Varsity Eight and Varsity Four both going 2-0 on the day. The Varsity Eight and Third Varsity Eight each went 1-1 in their races.

On Saturday, the Bison had the fastest four, finishing in 7:47 in both races and being only one of four crews to finish under eight minutes on the day. The Orange and Blue 3V8+ finished in 7:28.87, besting Eastern Michigan by 13 seconds. The Second Varsity Eight completed their first race in 6:54.08 to also beat Eastern Michigan. The 2V8+ raced in 6:56.87 to beat UConn by a total of 22 seconds.

The lineups for each of the boats are included below. Bucknell Lineups:

V8
C. Juliette Gaggini '24
8. Maddie Wickers '23
7. Erin Sullivan '22
6. Natalie Kreusch '22
5. Caroline Brandt '23
4. Kona Glenn '25
3. Chloe Segal '23
2. Elizabeth Berlinger '23
1. Kate Meerscheidt '22

2V8
C. Ollie McDonald '25
8. Christina DeMola '23
7. Hayden Groves '25
6. Georgia Lambrakis '23
5. Alina Kelly '25
4. Amanda Pennett '24
3. Caroline Keating '22
2. Jess Volcheck '22
1. Annabelle Kaeli '24

V4
4. Abby Gerst '24
3. Elliana Steely '25
2. Abby Malek '24
1. Millie Malloy '23
C. Ava Rysman '23

3V8
C. Molly Garrahy '24/ Ella Van Benschoten '24
8. Haley Beardsley '24
7. Isa Fassio-Bazzi '25
6. Dehelia Rotchford '24
5. Maddy Davis '25
4. Emma James '22
3. Rebecca Watson '25
2. Gianna Saviano '25
1. Kira Capaldi '25

"It was nice to compete against Eastern Michigan, UConn and Villanova this past weekend," Davis said, "since we don't usually see them as much during our regular season. It was great to have a home race, and see everyone pushing themselves and working as a team."

The Bison are set to race again in Raleigh, N.C. for the Lake Wheeler Invitational this coming Friday and Saturday. Lake Wheeler Invitational this coming Friday and Saturday.

Bison men's golf finish strong

Justin Schaumberger
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In one final tune-up before the Patriot League Championship, the Bison men's golf team traveled to Villanova, Pa. to compete in the Wildcat Invitational. The Orange and Blue finished fifth overall with a team score of +27, only five shots behind second-placing Long Island University.

The first day was tough for all competitors, with undesirable weather playing a significant factor in performance. Yet despite this, five Bison players still shot 74 or better. Jackson Bussell '23 shot a team-best 2-over-par 72. Blake Wisdom '23 and Jason Lohwater '22 both shot 73s while Jack Gardner '23 and Michael Rudnick '25 - who was playing as an individual - shot 74s. Collectively, the Bison scored a team total of 292 on the day, sufficient to earn

fourth place going into the last day of the competition.

Indeed, the Orange and Blue carried their excellent play into the second day of the competition as well. Wisdom shot a 2-over-par 72 which earned him a top-10 finish - his third in five starts this spring. Lowater (74), Gardner (75), and Bussell (79) all shot well for the Bison. John Bradbeer '25 improved as the competition went on, finishing with a 74 on the second day. Collectively the Bison shot 295 on the second day, allowing them to finish +27 overall. This score earned the team fifth place.

The Bison will be back in action as they finish their season with the Patriot League Championships. These championships will be hosted by Lafayette from April 29 to May 1.

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Ukrainian and Belarusian tennis players barred from Wimbledon

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Wimbledon organizers have announced that, following the latter's invasion of Ukraine, tennis players from both Belarus and Russia will be unable to compete at this year's tournament to be held in London in June. The announcement was made on Wednesday, April 20, and has met with significant controversy.

A statement released by the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC) explained that "[g]iven the profile of The Championships in the United Kingdom and around the world, it is our responsibility to play our part in the widespread efforts of Government, industry, sporting and creative institutions to limit Russia's global influence through the

strongest means possible."

"In the circumstances of such unjustified and unprecedented military aggression," the statement continued, "it would be unacceptable for the Russian regime to derive any benefits from the involvement of Russian or Belarusian players with The Championships."

"It is, therefore, our intention, with deep regret, to decline entries from Russian and Belarusian players to The Championships 2022."

Recently, a group of Ukrainian tennis players, including professionals Marta Kostyuk, Elina Monfils, and Lesia Tsurenko called for a total ban of Russian and Belarusian players who fail to denounce Russia's invasion of Ukraine in a letter on social

media. The letter noted that "[a]s athletes we live a life in the public eye and therefore have an enormous responsibility. Some of our posts and opinions reach an audience larger than those of regional television stations. In times of crisis, silence means agreeing with what is happening."

"We noticed that some Russian and Belarusian players at some point vaguely mentioned the war, while never clearly stating that Russia and Belarus started it on the territory of Ukraine."

"The very silence of those who choose to remain that way right now is unbearable" they concluded, "as it leads to the continuation of murder in our homeland."

Putin press secretary Dmitry

Peskov expressed his opposition to the decision, telling the New York Times that "making athletes victims of some kind of political prejudices, intrigues, hostile actions towards our country, is unacceptable. One can only express regret here."

While global tennis bodies had banned Russia and Belarus from team competitions in the recent past, individual players have previously been able to compete in tournaments without the name or flag of their home countries. The recent decision marks the first time they have actually been barred from the tournament on basis of their individual nationality.

The Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) expressed its opposition in a statement

posted early Wednesday that "[d]iscrimination based on nationality also constitutes a violation of our agreement with Wimbledon that states that player entry is based solely on ATP Rankings."

On the men's side, this ban would exclude at least four Russian players ranked in the ATP Top 30 – including world number-two Daniil Medvedev. Russia also has five women in the WTA Top 40, while Belarus' world fourth-ranking Aryna Sabalenka, along with former world-no. 1 Victoria Azarenka, will have no chance of playing.

Regardless of who will and won't be allowed to participate, tournament play is set to begin on June 27.

Woman's softball faces tough series loss at Colgate

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The Bison women's softball team went 0-3 in their series this past weekend against Colgate on Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16. Fighting fiercely throughout all three games, the Bison could not outscore the Raiders. The team fell to 5-34 on the season and 1-11 in Patriot League play.

The women's team arrived at Colgate on Friday to play a double-header against the Raiders. In the first game, the Bison were held off of the scoreboard for its entirety, while Colgate scored on eight runs, giving them the 8-0 victory. Chase Knapp '23 had the Orange and Blue's only two hits of the game. The Bison were able to regroup prior to the start of the second game, which proved to make quite the difference. After a scoreless first inning, the Bison and Raiders exchanged leads throughout the remainder of the match. The Orange and Blue were first to get on the board in the third inning, leading 1-0 off of a Jessie Kincer '25 run. After continuous lead changes, the Bison remained

on top 4-3 in the bottom of the fifth, but the Raiders soon scored two more runs, pulling away for the remainder of the game. These two runs proved to make all the difference, awarding the Raiders with a 5-4 victory over the Bison.

The Orange and Blue returned to the field on Saturday to complete their series. There was very little action throughout the game, with Colgate finally hitting a walk-off home run in the bottom of the seventh inning, sending the Bison home with a 0-1 defeat. Pitcher Kelly Toomey '22 only allowed three hits during the game, with one being Colgate's game-winner. Ava Aguilar '25 was the only Bison player to earn a hit during the game.

As the Bison's regular season nears a close, they return home this week to play Pittsburgh on Tuesday, April 19 at 4 p.m. This will be followed by a home series against Lehigh on Saturday, April 23, and Sunday, April 24. All games will be played on Bison home turf at Becker Field.

Bison women's lacrosse fall just short

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Bison women's lacrosse lost a tough battle against American University last Saturday, April 16. Taylor Kopan '24 contributed four goals, Allie Boyce '25 scored three and Taylor McClain '25 also added a goal along with four assists. Even with this stellar performance, American scored with 1:26 left to break the 11-11 tie and win the game for the Eagles. This loss leaves the Lady Bison at 6-7 overall and 3-3 in the Patriot League.

The Orange and Blue had an admittedly slow start, ending the first quarter with only one goal while American put up three. Entering the second quarter, the Lady Bison pushed for four more goals and in the final minutes of

the half. McClain, along with Emma Cashwell '22 and Boyce, each contributed a goal to lift the Bison 8-5 over American going into halftime.

A battle in the second half allowed American to heat up and without Caroline Miller's '23 big-time goal at the end of the third, the Orange and Blue would have only been up by one going into the final quarter of the game. Even with this two-goal lead, American came back swinging and took their lead only a few minutes into the fourth quarter. Still, off of Cashwell's attempt, Kopan earned herself and the Lady Bison another goal and a lead with 2:49 remaining.

Taking advantage of a few calls from the refs, American

was able to score two goals in the final two minutes of the game leaving the score 12-11 and Bison with a loss.

Senior Emma Cashwell spoke on the game. "It was a heartbreaking loss. American was strong but we struggled to connect all across the field and it came down to the wire."

"We are looking forward to this week and we are working hard to secure a spot in the Patriot League playoffs for the first time in my four years," Cashwell said.

The Orange & Blue travel to face No. 6 Loyola at 7 p.m. on Wednesday April 20. They will play their Senior Day game against Boston University at Graham Field on Saturday April 23 at 2 p.m.



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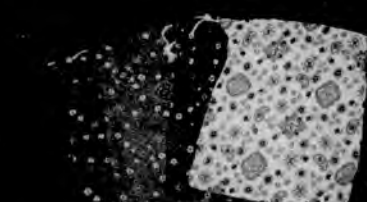
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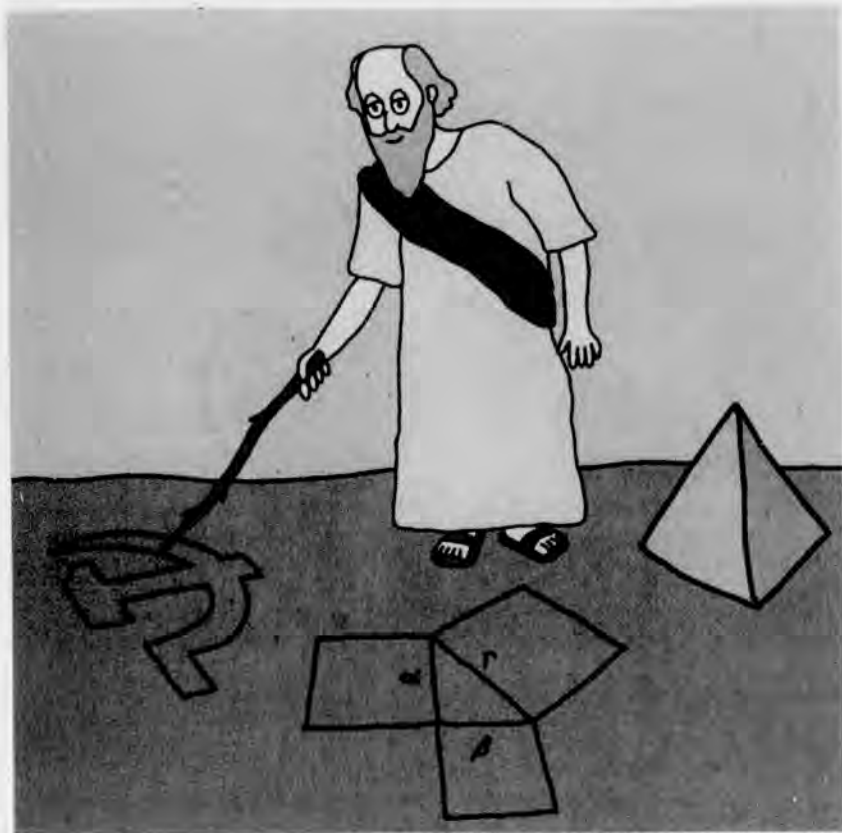
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Pythagoreas was a leftist

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In the most recent of a string of bizarre, overwhelmingly populist restrictions, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has announced that the Florida Education Department has rejected 54 of 132 (about 41 percent) math textbooks submitted for incorporation into the K-12 state curriculum for the next academic year. 28 of these were rejected owing to their inclusion of “prohibited topics or unsolicited strategies, including CRT.” Those familiar with DeSantis’ tactics are likely unsurprised by yet another completely unfounded, borderline eccentric attempt to pander to the far-right, Trump-obsessed base to which he owes any semblance of renown. Despite the consistent repressive antics seen from the governor and his far-right counterparts in the past, however, this move from the altright “prodigal son” is concerning for a number of reasons—many of which we’ve seen before, both within Florida and beyond.

Regardless of the overarching reality that American voters are highly susceptible to misinformation and confirmation bias, the debate over the status of Critical Race Theory (CRT) in schools boils down to two main issues: the intentional misrepresentation of CRT

as an indoctrination campaign, as well as the methodical and malicious destruction of accurate historical representation in education. First and foremost, it is certainly naïve to assert that DeSantis doesn’t know what Critical Race Theory is—a simple Google search will answer that question. A more accurate assertion is that CRT is a hot-button, populist issue; the widely inaccurate perception of an academic discipline undermining family values fans the flames of conservative anger—the very resistance to change that put Trump in office in the first place. As heir apparent to the former President’s legacy, DeSantis needs that misdirected, misinformed fire to maintain power.

The simple fact that Critical Race Theory is nearly impossible to teach in K-12 classrooms could not be more obvious. CRT is a legal and graduate-level theory that both acknowledges that racism in the United States is institutional and pervasive, and attempts to address why racial inequality still exists in the United States. The actual substance that Republican legislatures have been blocking is consequently not Critical Race Theory; it is any mention of race, gender, sexuality, non-Christian religion, identity, or the definitive hierarchical system that has historically oppressed marginalized groups in

the United States (often referred to as history). So, what motivation does DeSantis have for stopping third graders from reading about Martin Luther King Jr.? As always, the answer is power—and materials that point out the truth behind historical struggles and current institutional inequality challenge establishment authority.

The wording in DeSantis’ announcement is perhaps the most indicative of the truth behind such elaborate deception. “Prohibited topics,” the bounds of which are determined solely by the state, rule educational materials out of the K-12 curriculum. There is no less complicated way to say this: Republicans are banning books they don’t like. Failing to realize the blatant irony in their stance, DeSantis and his populist counterparts have played directly into the authoritarian handbook. Step 1: remove books from schools that don’t align with backward, exclusionary viewpoints in order to raise the next generation of easily-manipulated Americans. Step 2: accuse those in support of basic representation and inclusion of indoctrination, convincing your base that this act of repression is noble and even necessary for national and moral preservation. Apparently, the strategy is fool-proof, because state legislatures across the country are succeeding in banning books simply because they address the existence of race.

Besides the very fact that the outright prohibition of any educational materials is a blatant violation of free speech, it points out perhaps the most dangerous aspect of the far-right movement. A red wave that washes away accurate representations of historical struggles, important figures, or the power imbalances that define the American hierarchy steepens the slope to authoritarianism. It is truly difficult to find the right words to describe the irony of a supposedly pro-small government, pro-First Amendment movement barreling swiftly down the path of authoritarian overreach and government brainwashing, so I suppose I’ll leave it at that. There is certainly no Critical Race Theory in a math textbook, but the lunacy of such a claim is only truly concerning when placed within the historical and sociopolitical context that conversations of censorship certainly dictate. No topic should be prohibited; the reality that censorship is an indicator of a backsliding democracy (at best) should not be controversial. No government has justification to censor the education of a child to fit a nostalgic, inaccurate worldview. Even if Pythagoras was a bona fide Marxist-Leninist Critical Race Theorist himself, I would think such a reality would be worth learning about.

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Musk’s Monopoly

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If you are caught up on the latest Twitter drama, you probably tuned in to Elon Musk’s recent Tweets criticizing the platform’s lack of transparency, censorship and financial structure. Musk even put up an unsolicited offer to buy the social media giant in its entirety. Twitter’s board of trustees responded by putting in place a “poison pill,” which would make it difficult and expensive for Musk to increase his share of Twitter beyond 15 percent. Still, the board is formally considering his and other potential buyers’ offers.

Twitter users are split on Musk’s current endeavor. On one hand, Musk raises valid criticisms about how the platform is run. He believes that Twitter participates in selective censorship that undermines political and social discourse, and he also thinks that the platform should publicize its algorithm to ensure transparency. In an age where tech giants are being exposed for selling user data for nefarious purposes and ignoring escalatory discourse that has led to political violence (looking at you, Facebook), Musk’s desire for tech transparency is not niche and is rather understandable.

That being said, economists, politicians and Twitter board members alike are questioning Musk’s motivations for buying the platform. In addition to the SEC looking into Musk’s purchasing of Twitter stock and considering pursuing him for intentionally manipulating the market, many people are worried about what will happen if a controversial tech mogul gets his claws on a social media company.

I couldn’t help but think about Jeff Bezos when Musk announced his intentions to buy Twitter. Bezos, CEO of Amazon and its robust network of subsidiaries, has used his extreme wealth to purchase companies in every sector of American society. He recently bought Whole Foods and

The Washington Post, meaning that Bezos has a stake not only in the things we buy every day but also in the food we eat and the news that we consume.

In the early 1900s, politicians pursued monopolists—like Carnegie and Rockefeller—in order to protect consumers and ensure that businesses did not have undue influence over consumer spending or take advantage of consumers. Antitrust laws designed to penalize corporations that harmed consumers were put into action to make sure that companies could not indiscriminately raise prices. With modern-day business giants like Musk and Bezos, the story is a little bit different.

The government has been unable to successfully pursue Jeff Bezos because he theoretically helps consumers by offering them products at low costs. In the long run, however, this is to increase his share of the market as much as possible. Bezos has also required users of Amazon and its subsidiaries to agree to turn over their data to the corporation.

This is because, in the information age, the most invaluable asset is not money or market share, it’s data. While Musk may say he wants to buy Twitter to make much-needed design changes, as an owner of many other companies, there is a serious ethical complication in allowing him to have control over a social media app, and in turn, an extensive network of user data.

We may think of big players in business like Musk and Bezos as powerful because of the way they are able to attract consumers to buy their products. But, in reality, a lot of their power comes from their access to our personal and commercial data. It is imperative that our laws are updated to reflect an increasingly technological marketplace. We also need to question the motives of large corporations when they attempt to buy platforms that are intended for democratic discourse.

Bucknell’s sad weather and motivation

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It’s that time of year on campus again—the sun is shining, the birds are chirping, the cherry blossoms are blooming and the Quad is full of rejuvenated and eager students. At least, this is what this time of year is supposed to look like. Instead, our campus has snow on the ground, clouds in the sky and a student population fed up with a prolonged winter that has certainly overstayed its welcome. The majority of the University population certainly isn’t too thrilled about this extra cold weather we’ve been getting this season, but why? It’s not like the temperatures are below freezing every single day, and the sun has been coming out to grant campus a nice day every once in a while. Surely students on this campus are just being dramatic about the weather recently, right? Well, fellow students, I’m on your side. It’s not only the case that campus is simply a much more enjoyable place to be during the warmer and brighter springtime; I believe that this cold weather on the most stressful days of the semester may be contributing to low morale and difficult days for many students.

Let’s think about the schedule of any average school year on a college campus, and specifically the University. We come for the fall semester during the very end of the summer season, then get to experience the rest of the joys of the cooler weather for the first half of autumn as the season slowly becomes an unbearable cold. Then we come back for the spring semester at the coldest time of year, with the hopes that warm weather is around the

corner with the onset of springtime. Especially during a stressful midterm season, it’s really a nice thing to have warm weather and beautiful days to enjoy. Now here we are in late April, halfway through spring with only a few nice days to show for it, with finals just around the corner. Now obviously we can’t control the weather—although, at the rate the climate is changing, we might as well be able to anyway—so these seasons aren’t necessarily consistent every year. At the very least the consistency of weather is something our internal clocks might rely on, especially during an incredibly stressful point in the semester. This is what I think might be adversely impacting University students.

I don’t think this opinion is anything controversial; in fact, I think most students, staff and faculty wish warmer weather was here now. However, I do think everyone has to realize the dampening nature of this weather, and how that might impact the work quality we are able to provide as students. As a University, we need to grow more thoughtful and considerate about how poor weather can impact the student body’s mental health. I’m not necessarily saying that we need a drastically reduced workload during these months (less work wouldn’t hurt in general) but perhaps poor weather can be a gateway to talking about taking mental health more seriously in the classroom. Hopefully, warm weather is really just around the corner, but until then, keep your heads up and let’s push through the cold together!

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The phrase “evangelical” has, in the past several years, become synonymous with a particular kind of political distinction. This brand of Christianity has been historically traditional and conservative, but in the wake of the Trump campaigns and administration, members have become inextricably linked to Republicanism, dogmatically attached to Trump and his political followers.

Another term often associated with evangelicalism? “Disillusionment.” Although the evangelical front often appears impenetrable from the standpoint of voter turnout, in reality followers are leaving the movement in droves. Although still largely a traditional Christian nation, fewer and fewer Americans are willing to identify with evangelical doctrine—younger Americans especially. Many cite an increased mistrust of, and dissatisfaction with, the movement’s leaders and their often idiosyncratic values. Popular theologian Russell Moore argues that, rather than a disbelief in the actual ideals of religion, people are being driven away from the church by frustration with the hypocrisy of its public figures. He explains that, “[w]e see young evangelicals walking away not because they do not believe what the church teaches, but because they believe the church itself does not believe

what it teaches.”

This understanding of hypocrisy has always been present, but it has been exacerbated by the politicization of the church. The “us vs. them” narrative of extreme right-wing politics is hard to reconcile with messages of welcome and understanding supposedly declared from the pulpit. The jarring disconnect between words and actions has been a catalyst for many young religious members’ desertion of the church. For many the culminating moment came on January 6, 2021, when thousands of protestors responded to Trump’s televangelist-like call to action by storming the U.S. Capitol building, many carrying religious signs and imagery. A number of protestors would later invoke evangelical teachings and reasonings to defend their actions. One youth pastor who left his church following January 6 sees this as evidence that Trump had taken on a “saintly status” among evangelical Christians. He stated in an interview with NBC, “When your God loses, you have to find a way to get him back on top. The whole idea was his man was supposed to be in the White House. What do you do when your God loses?” The answer to this question, of course, is that you defend your faith—by any means necessary.

Witnessing the words of a politician supersede the teachings of Jesus was the final straw for some. For others, it was the process of gradual radicalization that

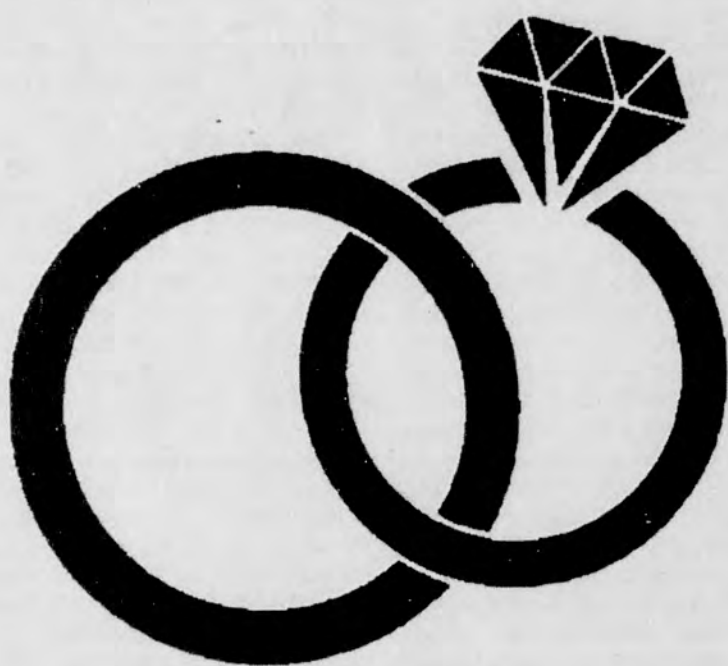
Political evangelism can only hurt the Church

they finally realized had turned the Church into something it wasn’t. Ex-megachurch pastor John Pavlovitz writes about this process in which people drawn in at the beginning end up on the opposite side of where they started. Himself disillusioned with such political beatification, he describes watching in horror as former friends and people he agreed with and understood now exhibit an unrecognizable theology. “[Their] Jesus and mine,” he writes, “bear no resemblance to one another. I don’t belong in this tribe anymore.”

So the evangelical movement is fast losing its (especially young) members. Does this mean it is dying anytime soon? On some level, it seems stronger than ever—with every new event and debate, its followers become still more deeply dogmatic and invested in its hyper-politicized beliefs. However, the more radical it gets, the more newer and younger members are alienated from its embrace. Although the institution has been far too ingrained into the culture and holds too much political power to be destabilized very quickly, it is inevitable that this polarization will eventually cause a collapse. That is unless the Church can find a way to depoliticize and return to religious ideals its congregation can support.

Is Your Perfect Match Roaming Around Campus?

Bucknell Marriage Pact Helping Students Connect
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When graduating high school and looking into colleges, prospective students have a variety of expectations surrounding their college experience. Some students look into schools based on majors and minors, the central focus of their college decision being academics. Other students look for what additional resources or support their university offers. And still others are primarily worried about the social aspect of their prospective universities. Are there clubs? Greek life? How will I make friends? Paired with the questions surrounding social life, a sub-question might be: how is the dating scene? Some students wonder if they may meet their future partner during these transformative four years.

However, in the midst of the age of technology and the ongoing popularity of dating apps, the amount of individuals meeting their partner during undergrad has shrunk from 22 percent in 1995 to just six percent as of 2017, a trend one can assume will continue. Recognizing this decrease, Liam McGregor and Sophia Sterling-Angus, from Stanford University, created a final design project centered around pairing individuals from their university based on shared interests and commonality. Thus "The Stanford Marriage Pact," was born. To engage in Marriage Pact, students had to complete a carefully cultivated questionnaire based on values and questions that may not be normally found on a dating website. The project was an instant success on Stanford's campus, with over half of the undergraduate community choosing to partake in it. From there the project spread, eventually turning into a company that now has made over 119,450 matches and is available at over 71 schools.

Marriage Pact argues against the now more popular forms of socialization, via iPhone and social media platforms. Rather, the company is in favor of more "organic" forms of meeting others — which by their definition is the completion of a questionnaire to discover your compatibility with others on your college campus.

Marriage Pact explains their philosophy, "Take the college tradition, for example—you complete an in-depth questionnaire about your deeply-held values, and we use an algorithm to match you with your most compatible 'marital backup plan' on campus. It's struck a chord: in our first 13 months beyond Stanford's campus, Marriage Pacts have become a tradition at 65 schools across the country. It's a rich experience for yourself and your friends—and 3-4 percent of matches hit the lottery and go on to date for a year or longer."

Recently, Bucknell Marriage Pact has made its appearance on the University's campus, with 270 students choosing to partake in the matching frenzy. Following the completion of the questionnaire, an algorithm is used to help pair students with the best match. Prior to receiving their matches, students were given a sneak peek that included their match's initials, their percentage of compatibility and some commodities they share. Some of the questions on the marriage pact surrounding the student's political views, personal values and sexual preferences, allowed the program to really get a sense of who the participant was.

Senior Mikayla Diedrich decided to shoot her shot and complete the form, wondering if her perfect match was just around the corner, "I figured why not! Might as well give the form a go and see what happens." She also reflected on how the experience played out for her, "I was pretty happy with it! I now have a new friendly face around campus. I don't know if it's necessarily my perfect match but still it's also nice to just make a new friend. I think we are gonna try to grab lunch or coffees or something later this week"

Others had an experience of rekindling with old friends because of Marriage Pact. Ben Kittay '22 explains, "So I actually got one of my good friends which was a surprise because I didn't even know she had done the form. It also was funny because we had a super high percentage. Although we aren't getting together (she has a boyfriend) we did have a good laugh about it!"



Although Bucknell Marriage Pact submission might be closed for now, there will be opportunities in the future to fill out the form yourself — and maybe find your perfect match. Who knows, maybe a wedding in Rooke Chapel could be in your future!



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Jack Harlow gives "First Class" performance on campus



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24-year-old rapper Jack Harlow performed in Gerhard Fieldhouse on Friday night to a packed audience of University students.

"[The] Concert Committee was thrilled with the turnout at Jack Harlow last Friday," Austin Bednarz '22, chairperson of the concert committee, said. "Having such a highly renowned, well-liked artist come to campus was a perfect capstone to the end of the semester! His engagement with the crowd and acapella verses added to the hype and high energy of this one of a kind experience."

While many had fun at the show, some were upset that the rapper

showed up nearly an hour late—only to perform a brief 45-minute set.

"It was really annoying to wait because I would have just showed up later if they scheduled it later," Kaiya Burton '23, an animal behavior major, said. "They played music for like 30 min before the opening act but then there was about 30 min before Jack came out where it was quiet, everyone was just talking to their friends."

Even while Harlow performed, a few students reported that tall attendees in the front obscured the show, making it difficult to enjoy.

"Unfortunately there was little to see since the football and

volleyball team were all in the front," Annie Glenning '24, a 5-foot-7 inch-tall mathematics and classics dual major, said. She also said that some students were shoving and pushing during the performance.

Brenna Paxton '25, a psychology major, experienced a similar issue. At 5-foot-2-inches, she saw even less than Glenning.

"I feel that it would've been a bit better if we could see past the tall-wall that stood before us, the volleyball and football teams," she said.

Despite all of these issues, students still enjoyed the show.

"The Jack Harlow concert was definitely a night to remember,"

continued Paxton. "Overall, I would say his performance was pretty good, and students were satisfied."

Glenning and Burton both agreed, saying that once the minor inconveniences were overlooked, they had a lot of fun with their friends seeing Harlow perform.

Harlow's next performance is set to be this Friday at Penn State University to headline their annual "Movin' On" music festival. If any University students want to see him again, Penn State is a brief hour's drive. The PSU Student Affairs website has more information.

Bucknell Intercollegiate Film Festival returns in-person, featuring Bucknell filmmaker

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On Sunday, May 1, the University will host its biannual student-run Intercollegiate Film Festival (BIFF), formerly known as 'Reel Bucknell,' at the Campus Theatre. The festival will show student-made films from across the state of Pennsylvania.

This year's film festival will premiere 15 films, from eight Pennsylvania schools including one film from University student Nghia Le '24. Featured films vary from animation to drama to horror, so no two films are the same.

BIFF is a product of the Film Exhibition and Programming class, taught by Professor Rebecca Meyers. Using the website FilmFreeway, the class posted a call for Pennsylvania student filmmakers with the only requirements being that the films are less than 15 minutes long and that they were produced while the student was enrolled as an undergraduate at a Pennsylvania institution of higher learning.

Over 100 films were received and went through a series of rounds of selection to actually be featured in the festival, which will run around ninety minutes.

Students in the class were each given four to five batches of five films to score from 1-5, with 5 meaning that the film must be featured at the festival. Once the class votes were tallied, those with a decent amount of votes were brought to the

class to watch as a group to vote as either a yes, no, or maybe. While there were initially 12 yes films, students could argue for a film in the maybe pile to be featured, which added the extra three.

Branson Wilson '25, a student in the class and the BIFF social media manager, is excited for people to see the hard work of the class pay off and to be able to feature the selected student work.

"BIFF is a great way to showcase Pennsylvania student filmmakers and expose people to their films. We want the filmmakers to know that what they are doing is incredible and should be seen by other students and filmmakers. I'm looking forward to sharing the concepts and ideas that the filmmakers have created with students, professors and residents in Lewisburg. I can't wait to talk with some of the filmmakers and guests and get their reactions to each film," Wilson said.

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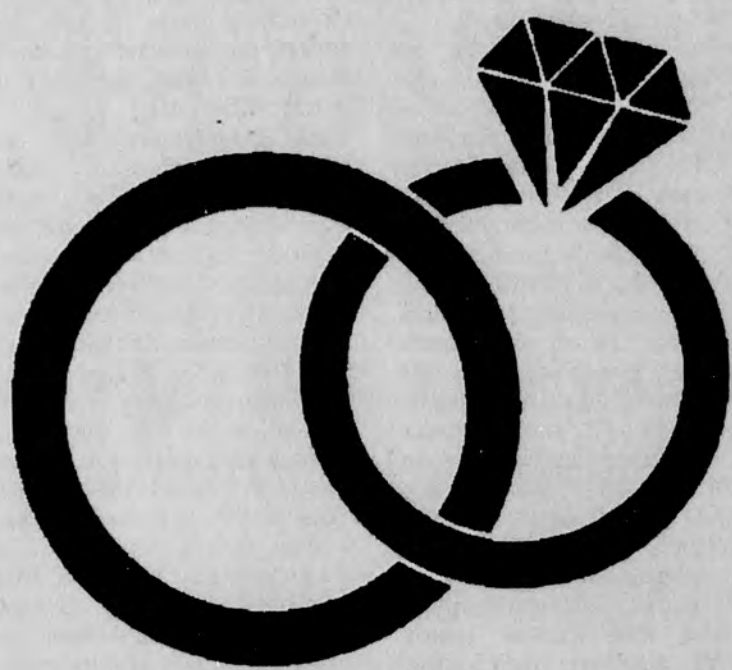
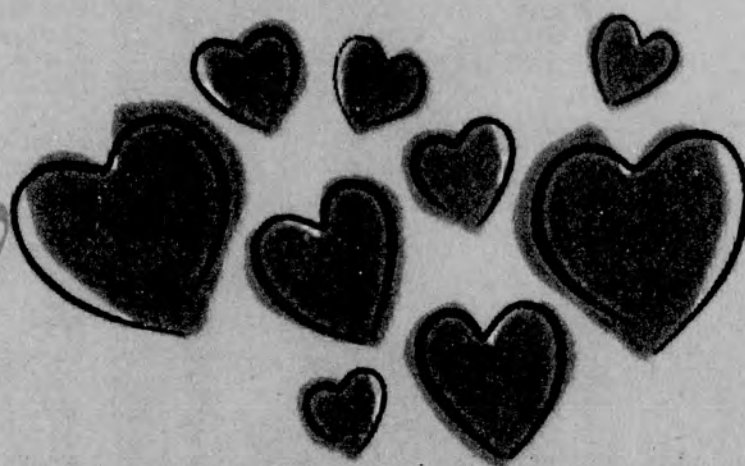
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Bucknell Marriage Pact Helping Students Connect
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When graduating high school and looking into colleges, prospective students have a variety of expectations surrounding their college experience. Some students look into schools based on majors and minors, the central focus of their college decision being academics. Other students look for what additional resources or support their university offers. And still others are primarily worried about the social aspect of their prospective universities. Are there clubs? Greek life? How will I make friends? Paired with the questions surrounding social life, a sub-question might be: how is the dating scene? Some students wonder if they may meet their future partner during these transformative four years.

However, in the midst of the age of technology and the ongoing popularity of dating apps, the amount of individuals meeting their partner during undergrad has shrunk from 22 percent in 1995 to just six percent as of 2017, a trend one can assume will continue. Recognizing this decrease, Liam McGregor and Sophia Sterling-Angus, from Stanford University, created a final design project centered around pairing individuals from their university based on shared interests and commonality. Thus "The Stanford Marriage Pact," was born. To engage in Marriage Pact, students had to complete a carefully cultivated questionnaire based on values and questions that may not be normally found on a dating website. The project was an instant success on Stanford's campus, with over half of the undergraduate community choosing to partake in it. From there the project spread, eventually turning into a company that now has made over 119,450 matches and is available at over 71 schools.

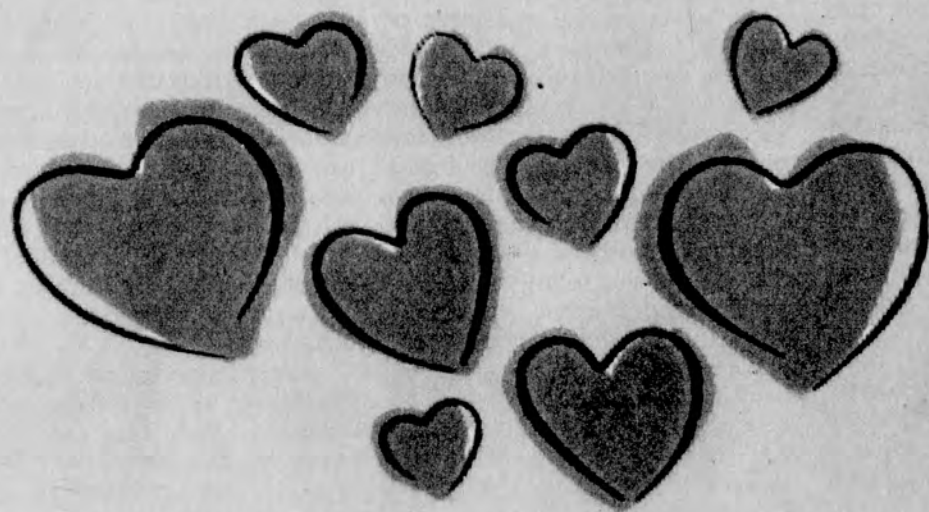
Marriage Pact argues against the now more popular forms of socialization, via iPhone and social media platforms. Rather, the company is in favor of more "organic" forms of meeting others — which by their definition is the completion of a questionnaire to discover your compatibility with others on your college campus.

Marriage Pact explains their philosophy, "Take the college tradition, for example—you complete an in-depth questionnaire about your deeply-held values, and we use an algorithm to match you with your most compatible 'marital backup plan' on campus. It's struck a chord: in our first 13 months beyond Stanford's campus, Marriage Pacts have become a tradition at 65 schools across the country. It's a rich experience for yourself and your friends—and 3-4 percent of matches hit the lottery and go on to date for a year or longer."

Recently, Bucknell Marriage Pact has made its appearance on the University's campus, with 270 students choosing to partake in the matching frenzy. Following the completion of the questionnaire, an algorithm is used to help pair students with the best match. Prior to receiving their matches, students were given a sneak peek that included their match's initials, their percentage of compatibility and some commodities they share. Some of the questions on the marriage pact surrounding the student's political views, personal values and sexual preferences, allowed the program to really get a sense of who the participant was.

Senior Mikayla Diedrich decided to shoot her shot and complete the form, wondering if her perfect match was just around the corner, "I figured why not! Might as well give the form a go and see what happens." She also reflected on how the experience played out for her, "I was pretty happy with it! I now have a new friendly face around campus. I don't know if it's necessarily my perfect match but still it's also nice to just make a new friend. I think we are gonna try to grab lunch or coffees or something later this week"

Others had an experience of rekindling with old friends because of Marriage Pact. Ben Kittay '22 explains, "So I actually got one of my good friends which was a surprise because I didn't even know she had done the form. It also was funny because we had a super high percentage. Although we aren't getting together (she has a boyfriend) we did have a good laugh about it!"



Although Bucknell Marriage Pact submission might be closed for now, there will be opportunities in the future to fill out the form yourself — and maybe find your perfect match. Who knows, maybe a wedding in Rooke Chapel could be in your future!



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Jack Harlow gives "First Class" performance on campus



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24-year-old rapper Jack Harlow performed in Gerhard Fieldhouse on Friday night to a packed audience of University students.

"[The] Concert Committee was thrilled with the turnout at Jack Harlow last Friday," Austin Bednarz '22, chairperson of the concert committee, said. "Having such a highly renowned, well-liked artist come to campus was a perfect capstone to the end of the semester! His engagement with the crowd and acapella verses added to the hype and high energy of this one of a kind experience."

While many had fun at the show, some were upset that the rapper

showed up nearly an hour late—only to perform a brief 45-minute set.

"It was really annoying to wait because I would have just showed up later if they scheduled it later," Kaiya Burton '23, an animal behavior major, said. "They played music for like 30 min before the opening act but then there was about 30 min before Jack came out where it was quiet, everyone was just talking to their friends."

Even while Harlow performed, a few students reported that tall attendees in the front obscured the show, making it difficult to enjoy.

"Unfortunately there was little to see since the football and

volleyball team were all in the front," Annie Glenning '24, a 5-foot-7 inch-tall mathematics and classics dual major, said. She also said that some students were shoving and pushing during the performance.

Brenna Paxton '25, a psychology major, experienced a similar issue. At 5-foot-2-inches, she saw even less than Glenning.

"I feel that it would've been a bit better if we could see past the tall-wall that stood before us, the volleyball and football teams," she said.

Despite all of these issues, students still enjoyed the show.

"The Jack Harlow concert was definitely a night to remember,"

continued Paxton. "Overall, I would say his performance was pretty good, and students were satisfied."

Glenning and Burton both agreed, saying that once the minor inconveniences were overlooked, they had a lot of fun with their friends seeing Harlow perform.

Harlow's next performance is set to be this Friday at Penn State University to headline their annual "Movin' On" music festival. If any University students want to see him again, Penn State is a brief hour's drive. The PSU Student Affairs website has more information.

Bucknell Intercollegiate Film Festival returns in-person, featuring Bucknell filmmaker

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On Sunday, May 1, the University will host its biannual student-run Intercollegiate Film Festival (BIFF), formerly known as 'Reel Bucknell,' at the Campus Theatre. The festival will show student-made films from across the state of Pennsylvania.

This year's film festival will premiere 15 films, from eight Pennsylvania schools including one film from University student Nghia Le '24. Featured films vary from animation to drama to horror, so no two films are the same.

BIFF is a product of the Film Exhibition and Programming class, taught by Professor Rebecca Meyers. Using the website FilmFreeway, the class posted a call for Pennsylvania student filmmakers with the only requirements being that the films are less than 15 minutes long and that they were produced while the student was enrolled as an undergraduate at a Pennsylvania institution of higher learning.

Over 100 films were received and went through a series of rounds of selection to actually be featured in the festival, which will run around ninety minutes.

Students in the class were each given four to five batches of five films to score from 1-5, with 5 meaning that the film must be featured at the festival. Once the class votes were tallied, those with a decent amount of votes were brought to the

class to watch as a group to vote as either a yes, no, or maybe. While there were initially 12 yes films, students could argue for a film in the maybe pile to be featured, which added the extra three.

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DOMESTIC

As many remove masks on campus, it seems the nation is experiencing a similar phase. According to the Washington Post, Dr. Anthony Fauci, President Biden's chief medical adviser, said that the U.S. is in a "transitional phase" of exiting the pandemic towards an endemic.

Tesla's CEO, and richest man in the world Elon Musk, is buying Twitter for \$44 billion. His plan, according to NPR, is to take the company private. NPR reports that he plans on opening any restrictions that the social media platform has on free speech by removing many of the rules in place. Musk also plans on improving the business aspect of Twitter as well.

INTERNATIONAL

According to Reuters, European leaders have denounced Russian officials for blackmailing Bulgaria and Poland by halting gas supplies on Wednesday. This occurs while Reuters also reported that Russia is advancing in Ukraine, taking many villages. Reuters even said that their pro-Ukraine rallies in the city of Kherson—one of the first urban cities seized in the invasion—were broken up by Russian forces with tear gas and stun grenades.

Home Affairs Minister Karen Andrews, of Australia, has accused China of deliberate election interference, according to NBC News. She said that China, during the Australian election campaign, announced its security pact with the Solomon Islands to pull out the rug on her party's ability to be reelected. Andrews's party, the conservative Liberal Party, has accused the Chinese Government of wanting its competitor, the center-left Labor Party, to win the May 21 election.

Donors give money to University athletics

Bob Feeney
Contributing Writer

On Wednesday, April 20, the University celebrated its "One Herd One Day" day of giving to support the bison athletics program.

During the day of giving, each varsity and club athletic team has the opportunity for donations that directly benefit the team. The goal for this year's One Herd One Day was to reach 2,022 donors, which was easily surpassed. At the end of the day, the grand total was \$1,231,122 donated, which will "help provide Bucknell with the resources necessary to build champions in the classroom, in the community and in the competitive arenas" as noted by the fundraiser website.

The University's men's and women's cross country and track and field program, or the "spiked shoe club," topped all other teams and clubs with the most donors, with a total of 375.

"The track and field/cross country program has a very large and loyal network of alumni and fundraising has always been very successful. There have only been two head coaches in the past 52 years and both Art Gulden and I have the same philosophy that once you are a Bison, you are always a Bison and we both want the alumni involved in our program," Head Coach Kevin Donner said.

Donner said that sense of belonging starts in recruiting new athletes.

"I tell people in the recruiting process that you are not just committing to us for four years, but you are committing to us for 40 years or more. We have always had large teams and we take great pride in improvement

and development and providing competitive opportunities to everyone in our lineup from the top to the bottom. In order to do that, we need more resources and money through fundraising and our alumni always come through," he said.

With this sizable list of donors the "Spiked Shoe club" finished the day with a total of \$96,755. While the Track team had the most donors, the University's baseball team led the day with a total of \$145,963 raised in just 24 hours.

When asked about the impact of the fundraising on his team, Head Coach Scott Heather said, "As a program, we are reliant on alumni and family donations to run the program. It is essential we have a big day on one-herd one-day in order to run the program in the proper way. To have so much support shows how the people a part of our program value what we are able to provide at Bucknell. Many people stepped to the plate with over 230 contributions for baseball and we are very thankful for everyone that participated."

All of the University's varsity teams were able to benefit from this day, with contributions supporting over 750 student athletes on campus.

At the end of the day, there were a total of 2,946 donors who all contributed to support athletics at the University. Just under half of these donors were University alumni, many of which were varsity athletes themselves during their time at the University. With the help of these donors, current and future Bison will be able to continue to find success both inside and outside their respective sports.

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Again sidelined: the Supreme Court on Puerto Rico

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In a near-unanimous vote last week, the Supreme Court decided to exclude citizens of Puerto Rico from receiving certain federal disability benefits typically available to those residing within official states. The Court argued partly that, as a result of Puerto Ricans receiving certain exemptions from federal taxes, it was only logical that they might also be omitted from consideration for certain federal benefits. Residents of the territory are eligible for Social Security and Medicare, but not necessarily for the funds provided by Supplemental Security Income program.

This inconsistent series of stipulations is inherent to Puerto Rico's purgatorial status as an unincorporated territory rather than a state — a condition that leaves the citizens of the island far more beholden to the unpredictable determination of a few justices than New York or Pennsylvania. Over three million live in Puerto Rico, a population outranking twenty incorporated states. Yet these individuals remain deprived of any official representation in the federal government, affording them significantly less autonomy than a state despite legislatures' ability to pass bills that will directly affect the island's inhabitants. Congress voted to establish a civil government in the region, and in the following years granted Puerto Ricans citizenship. But it is a bitter irony that it is this legislative body who can determine Puerto Rico's statehood despite the territory lacking the official voices to argue for the island's legitimacy.

It is difficult at first to comprehend why a territory, one that has been a part of the United States since 1898, is continually denied the same opportunities as that of other regions in the country. Puerto Ricans can vote in presidential elections certainly, yet because the island has no electoral votes it is a privilege rather than a right, granted to them so long as they take up residence in a U.S. state or the District of Columbia.

The benefits of Puerto Rico becoming a state are clear, while the Supreme Court's decision makes some of the drawbacks painfully apparent. The many benefits and securities that most Americans are afforded and arguably taken for granted would also be extended to Puerto Rican citizens. The ability to vote in elections on the island, as well as the opportunity to have representatives in government, is critical for

a territory tied so closely to the United States.

But the need for statehood extends beyond security benefits. When Hurricane Maria struck the island in 2018, the afflicted citizens received a limp response from federal officials and agencies, blatantly overshadowed by the comparably lesser destruction wrought in Houston around the same period. The response for Texas was faster and significantly more expansive, while more relief applications were approved by FEMA for Houston in comparison to Puerto Rico.

Crises are among the most effective ways in determining flaws in systems and infrastructure, and the damage inflicted by Hurricane Maria demonstrated one of the most critical reasons Puerto Rico deserves a higher status than simply an American territory: if it wishes to receive the same amount of support, it needs to become a state.

Within Puerto Rico, opinion varies on the path forward for the relegated island. In a 2020 non-binding referendum, over half of voters expressed support for immediate statehood. But this was not the first referendum cast in the territory, but rather the first with a simple "yes or no" on the ballot. Past referendums have also considered the possibilities of total independence as well, one that could potentially take them on a path of severing its ties with the United States and a few of the benefits provided, yet also garnering true independence by becoming a sovereign nation. In the aftermath of that vote, several bills were introduced in Congress, including one that would provide a pathway to statehood and another that would assist in forming a more binding referendum. Yet while those were promising actions, none went farther beyond collecting a few dozen cosponsors.

Within the states, Puerto Rico's statehood too has majority support, though there is a predictably partisan divide. According to YouGov and DataforProgress polling, 76 percent of Democrats support the motion, while only 30 percent of Republicans feel similarly.

Puerto Rico, despite a majority of citizens both on the island and within states being favorable to statehood, and in spite of the efforts made within Congress, currently has no feasible path towards such a radical change. The move does not bear overwhelming support in government, but the arguments against it are feeble, at best. Some have expressed hesitancy given a lack of strong majority support in

the territory itself. In 2019 Mitch McConnell opined that to provide the territory statehood would be to invite socialism to infect the country. He claimed that it would only grant Puerto Rico the space to elect two assuredly Democratic senators, feeding into what he saw as the opposing party's socialist agenda. Another Republican senator warned that, should territories like Puerto Rico attain statehood, their party would never win back the Senate.

These are nonsensical responses, not merely because there are no socialist Democratic senators, and not simply because there is no guarantee that Puerto Rico would even elect Democratic representatives. In suggesting that Puerto Rico should be denied statehood by virtue of how it may vote, McConnell and many Republicans are implicitly arguing that rights should be refused to those that they view lean on the wrong side politically. It is a poor excuse used to continue restricting the abilities of Puerto Ricans, and to use such arguments is to take among the most anti-democratic of stances.

But with only a little over half of voting Puerto Ricans in favor of statehood, perhaps it would be short-sighted to conclude that this opposing sentiment is found predominantly among Republicans. The possibility of independence is an optimal alternative for some on the island, while still others are willing to embrace the unstable middle-ground afforded by the current relationship between the territory and the United States. Puerto Rico has authority over their own internal governance, admittedly, a certain level of autonomy viewed as desirable to many of the territory's denizens. But it is a far cry from what the island's citizens deserve while attached to America.

Puerto Rico has spent generations gripped by colonization and a tenuous dynamic with a sovereign nation that can determine sweeping changes and restrictions without the meaningful input of the citizens potentially most affected. It is not enough to accept present conditions because they have been long lasting or because apathy has set in; the island's lack of statehood is an untenable situation that demands change. It would be foolish to wait for another natural disaster in order to take action, and irresponsible to stand by until another afflicting decision is made by the Supreme Court. Majority support has long since been attained; the time is now to honor it.

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Happy Holi-Blaze: 4/20 Next National Holiday

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Last week, a significant day elapsed: April 20. For some, it was just an ordinary Wednesday, but for cannabis users, 4/20 was a day of celebrating weed through means of recreational and medical use, in addition to enlightening oneself on the history of cannabis and/or advocating for its legalization. Educational information regarding advocacy for legal weed and its complex history graced the internet. According to an article by Business Insider, "the six-day period surrounding the holiday brought the total cannabis retail sales for the consumption occasion to \$485 million in the US." April 20 is not only a day to amplify the voices of weed legalization advocates, but a day to honor cannabis culture. Due to the deep significance 4/20 holds to many citizens, I believe April 20 should be classified as a national holiday.

Many wonder why cannabis is celebrated on April 20. Why not April 21? Or the 23? Various theories have circulated as to why April 20 has become classified as "Weed Day." The most prominent theory is that of students at San Rafael High School. According to Time Magazine, everyday, five students at San Rafael High School would meet at 4:20 p.m. to smoke together because that was a time at which all of them were free. They would say "420" to each other as a code word for cannabis. So, legend has it, the daily 4:20 p.m. smoking ritual of high schoolers became the foundation of a possible holiday dedicated to weed.

Making 4/20 a national holiday has a number of nationwide benefits. For starters, the influx of money spent on cannabis products and accessories bolsters the economy. On any other day, cannabis sales make up a large sector of consumer spending; a report by Leafly states that "Americans purchased \$18.3 billion in cannabis products over the past calendar year, \$7.6 billion more than the \$10.7 billion in sales the previous year." These data exhibit that cannabis sales have a positive outlook margin for years to come. In terms of making 420 a holiday, I'd like to use Christmas as an example. Sales surrounding Christmas proceed all year long (buying gifts/decorations throughout the year). Yet, during the time surrounding the holidays (November-January),

Christmas-related spending skyrockets and pumps the economy. I believe that this same trend will occur if April 20 is nationally made "Weed Day." Cannabis sales will proceed all year long, but will skyrocket around the holiday itself. This evidence allows me to reasonably conclude that making 420 a national holiday will harness economic benefits through the increase in consumer spending.

Holidays often fall short of materialization. That is, the true essence and meaning behind a cultural holiday is lost as those who celebrate become consumed with the tangible goods surrounding the day. However, 420 is not just about the commodity of cannabis itself. It is a day to appreciate the hard work of weed manufacturers and dispensaries, the medical benefits behind the drug, the decriminalization and legalization efforts that have taken place, the economic booms cannabis has caused, etc! One may counteract the creation of this holiday due to fearing that there will be an increase in the use of weed on this day, thus naturally leading to a general incline in weed-related accidents/injuries. However, this perspective fails to acknowledge that vast amount of education shared about cannabis on 420. There is an influx of informational articles and posts that circulate online to inform users on the proper ways to obtain and use the drug. Additionally, classifying 420 as a holiday will normalize the conversation surrounding weed, thus establishing a more comfortable environment for new users to ask for guidance on how to safely use cannabis products.

The celebration of April 20 has received increasing popularization over the years. Yet, there are still numerous people who fail to recognize the day because they adhere to such traditional ideals regarding cannabis and refuse to embrace a fresh perspective on the proven proponents of weed. This is yet another example of the stigma regarding cannabis. As Snoop Dogg himself once stated, "So what if I'm smoking weed onstage and doing what I gotta do? It's not me shooting nobody, killing nobody, stabbing nobody. It's a peaceful gesture and they have to respect that and appreciate that." And there is no better way to respect and appreciate cannabis use than making 420 a national holiday.

Macron wins presidential runoffs, but Le Pen gains momentum

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French president Emmanuel Macron (LREM) has defeated his opponent Marine Le Pen (RN) for the second time. Macron won 58.6 percent of the vote while Le Pen trailed with 41.5 percent of the vote. Interestingly, however, Le Pen shrunk Macron's margin of victory compared to the presidential runoff in 2017, suggesting that the French public may be warming up to her party's nationalist ideology.

Macron ran on a platform that promoted investment in nuclear energy to reduce carbon emissions, tax cuts and exploration of new technology to make France more industrially competitive. Throughout the election cycle, he was criticized for not engaging with voters. However, he was able to bolster domestic support through his diplomatic leadership during the Ukraine-Russia conflict. Le Pen, member of a nationalist far-right party, promised to restructure corporate tax laws to support small to medium size businesses, curb illegal and legal immigration and check the "totalitarian" power of the European Union. Le Pen was able to expand her base by "softening" her politics this election cycle. As reported by "Slate Magazine" first-time Le Pen voters saw her as "far-right, but nice."

While extreme political polarization is sometimes thought to be uniquely American, this simply is not the case. In response to a multitude of factors like immigration, economic instability and rapid social transformation, there has been a rise in isolationism and nationalism. France is no exception.

Like many other European countries, France has many safety-net programs designed to ensure citizens have access to healthcare.

education and housing. While these programs are debated, it seems as though in this election cycle, the French public was predominantly concerned with tax reform, immigration and the role the EU has played in curtailing domestic industries. Le Pen was able to bolster support throughout the country, most notably in the rural south, where many business owners and farmers are struggling to compete with premiums placed on local goods and low import costs. Voters were impressed with the way Le Pen toned down her arguably radical platform, and this feeling guided their behavior on Election Day.

Le Pen also touched on voters' fears about multiculturalism. She has been a proponent of many controversial legislative mechanisms like banning religious sym-

bols in public and the law known as the "Burqa Ban". These nationalist (and arguably xenophobic) ideas seem to be gaining traction throughout France, posing interesting questions about the future for immigrants in France. Her party's ideology mirrors the American Republican Party and many other nationalist parties throughout the EU.

It is important to pay attention to shifts in political rhetoric nationally, as globalization has led to an interconnected world where these kinds of changes often reverberate globally. France's political shift to the right is an indication of things to come throughout many democracies. I urge all students to pay attention to these developments as they will have an impact on our politics as well.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Elizabeth Berlinger '23



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Senior Writer

The Bucknell Women's Rowing Team has had a successful season, thus far, particularly the Varsity Eight. A member of this team is junior, Elizabeth Berlinger '23, where she is the bow seat. Berlinger and her teammates are training hard to compete in the Patriot League Championships on May 13.

"Rowing is by no means a glamorous sport...many do not understand the appeal of waking up at 5:15am Monday through Friday all to practice in the freezing temperatures, wind or rain. While the early mornings, extensive cardiovascular training, and calloused hands present their own challenges, rowing and being on the team has allowed me to achieve both personal and physical goals I never knew I'd be capable of completing."

The Blue Bell, PA native has been a member of the Varsity Eight for two spring seasons now, and in her rookie year, she raced in the Champions Eights at the Head of the Charles and was a member of the first-place 2V8+ in the 1969 Cup.

Last year, the team was skilled enough to take the silver medal at the Patriot League Championships, falling behind Navy by only 2.7 seconds. She was the two seat.

Profile
Sport
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"We did our best to navigate the challenges of COVID and uncertainty with training and racing."

This year's mission for the team according to the junior, however, was to "uncover every stone" through training, recovery, racing, and personal commitments to ultimately win the Patriot League Championship...We try not to concentrate on racing results and stats of our program relative to others but rather trust the training and time we dedicate every day to practice."

Berlinger certainly has quite the background in her sport as well. "I rowed throughout high school in the Philadelphia area and was recruited to row for Bucknell's program my senior year. Although I came to Bucknell with experience from my previous team, I realized very quickly that rowing for a division I program would take my commitment to the next level...Although I have been on the team for three full years, this has by far been the most intensive and challenging year of training I have ever experienced."

Best of luck to Berlinger and the rest of the Varsity Eight in their run for the championship. The hard work will certainly pay off.

Men's Lacrosse clinches tournament spot

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Sports Co-Editor

Bison men's lacrosse recorded another big Patriot League win this past Friday, April 22 against the Lafayette Leopards. Four different Bison had five plus point performances in Friday night's game to secure the victory.

Senior Harry Wellford '22 was key for the Orange and Blue, recording 5 goals and one assist. Likewise, freshman Connor Davis '25 was back in full swing for the Bison with 5 goals and one assist, after missing a few games due to injury. Dutch Furlong '24 continued his strong sophomore campaign, tallying 3 goals and two assists. Jack Fedas was crucial as well, adding 2 goals and three assists of his own.

Davis earned Patriot League Rookie of the Week accolades for the sixth time this season after Friday night's game. Davis now has 43 goals on the season, putting him at fifth in school history for goals in a single season. Furlong isn't far behind, with only a three-goal performance between him and the single-season top-10 list.

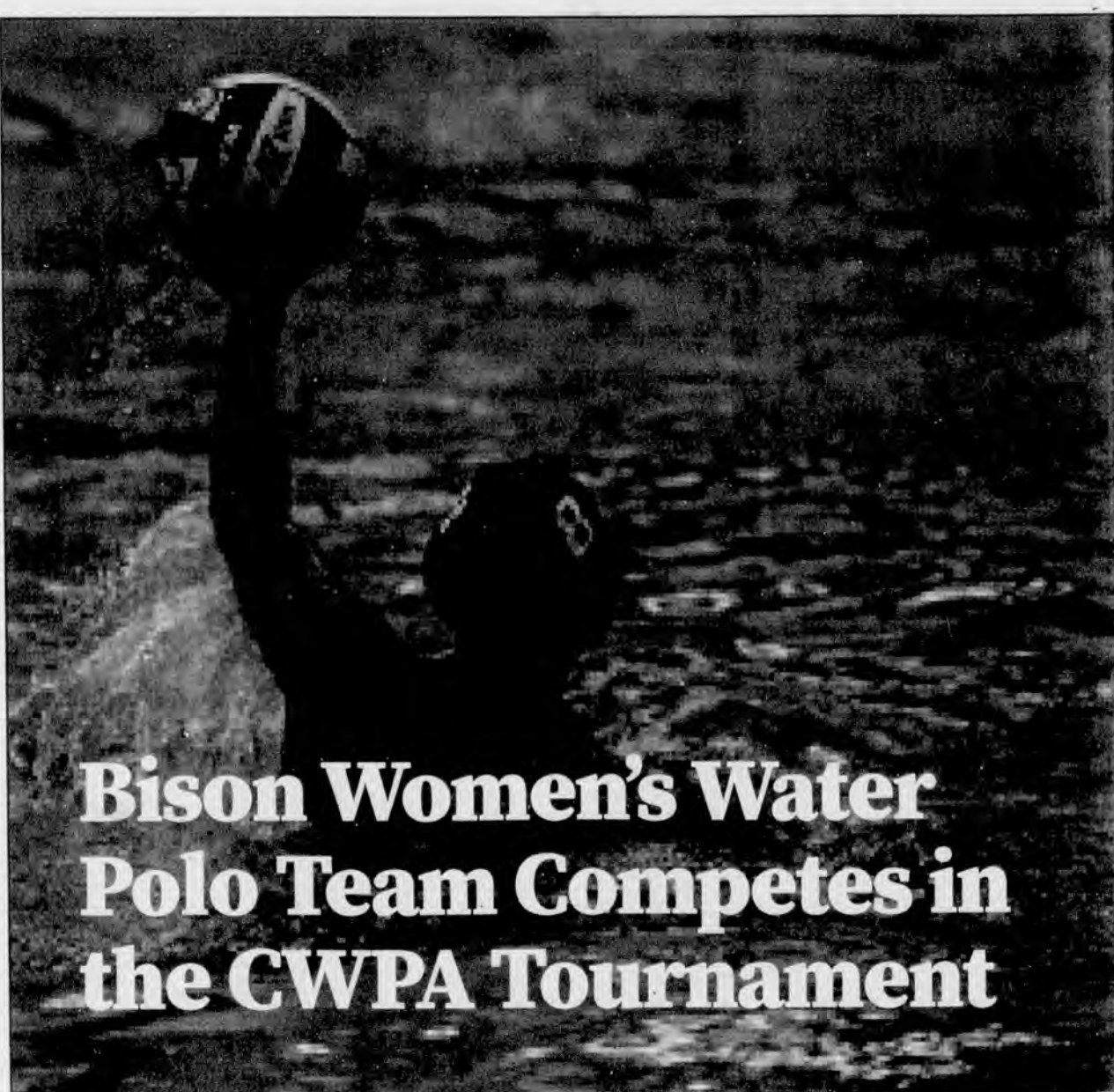
The score was close heading into the third quarter of the game, and the Leopards were able to even the score at 9-9 following a quick 3-goal bout. However, the Bison bit back

with a four-goal run, and held the advantage for the remainder of the game.

Friday was also senior night for the Orange and Blue. Men's lacrosse honored their 12 seniors, Matt Barkauskas, Travis Talarico, Nick Crovatto, Alston Tarry, Drew Wellington, Harry Wellford, Frankie Higgins, Reid Delanois, Jared Hodell, Brenden Lundy, Zach Tucker and Jack Van Slyke.

Tarry and Crovatto had especially strong outings for their senior day. Tarry has a total of 136 career points following a 2 goal and one assist performance against Lafayette, putting him only seven points away from being on the Bison's career top-10 list. Crovatto won 19 of 32 faceoffs against the Leopards, and grabbed eight ground balls. Crovatto now holds the third in faceoff wins in a season with 155. He also has 159 ground balls, which sits at sixth in program history.

The Bison clinched a spot in the Patriot League tournament with their win over Lafayette. The Orange and Blue close out regular season play against Navy on Friday April 29th, and await a seeding in the PL tournament based on their game outcome, and others around the league.



Bison Women's Water Polo Team Competes in the CWPA Tournament

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Hannah Stuck
Senior Writer

The Orange and Blue Water Polo team came up short against Brown in the first round of the CWPA Tournament. The Bison lost 17-8 on Friday afternoon, sending them to the consolation bracket of the tournament.

The Bison had the first goal of the game, scored by lefty Boati Motau '25. She threw the ball to the bottom of the goal, giving the Orange and Blue an early lead. Brown responded quickly, scoring 4 unanswered goals going into the second half. Motau also scored the Bison's second goal of the game on an assist by Paige Furano '22. Brown scored 2 more goals, taking a 6-2 lead against the Bison. Larissa Hodzic '22 scored 2 goals, closing Brown's lead to 6-4.

Time was running out for the Bison, with the Bear outscoring the Orange and Blue 4-1 at the end of the second quarter. Bella Moynihan '23 had the Bison goal in this stretch. Brown ended up winning the game, winning 17-8 while knocking out the Bison of the CWPA Championship.

The goals in this match were scored by Hodzic (2), Motau (2), Furano (1), Caroline Oates '25 (1), Moynihan (1), and Isabelle Monaghan '24 (1). The assists were by Furano (3), Chloe Smith '23 (2), and Motau (1). Exclusions drawn were by Hodzic (5), Furano (2), and Monaghan (1). Steals were Molaski (2), Furano

(1), Motau (1), Moynihan (1), Finkler '24 (1), and Sam Gove '23 (1). Gove had 5 saves, playing a total of 32 minutes.

Hodzic stated about the match, "It was a tough game! We went into it looking for a win so we came out playing really hard but it wasn't enough to hold Brown back. Obviously it wasn't the outcome we wanted but we will use the loss as motivation for Saturday's game against Mount St. Mary."

In the consolation tournament, the Bison had two games. They defeated Mount St. Mary's 27-9 on Saturday, but then fell to Saint Francis (P.A) 6-8 on Sunday.

The offense took center stage in the match against Mount St. Mary's. Monaghan led the way with a program-record 10 goals as the Bison scored a program-record 27 goals. The Bison offense started early scoring the first 6 goals of the match and never looking back. Following a goal for The Mount, the Bison scored three more goals courtesy of two from Motau and one from Smith to take an 8-1 lead at the end of the first. This later turned into a 13-5 advantage going into halftime.

In total, ten different Bison scored goals in the match. In addition to Monaghan, Ali Jackson '25 (4), Furano (3), Hodzic (2), Motau (2), and Sidney Finkler '25 (2) all scored. Furano also had seven assists in the match which was one shy of the program record. Motau also

had a stellar day passing the ball on her way to six assists. Annika Lampen '25 started in goal for the Bison and made ten saves and had two steals.

In their final match of the season, the Bison fell 8-6 to Saint Francis (P.A) in overtime. The Bison took an early advantage in the game by scoring three of the first four goals courtesy of two goals by Smith and one from Motau. Smith scored again late in the first half and the Bison went into halftime up 4-2.

Smith scored yet again in the third quarter to restore the Bison's three goal advantage, but the Red Flash scored three unanswered goals to send the game to overtime. The first overtime period was scoreless until the Red Flash took the lead with a goal with nine seconds remaining. The Bison managed to tie up the game with a goal from Bella Moynihan '23. The Red Flash would go on to score the last two goals of the match to win the contest 8-6.

Smith led the way for the Bison offensively with four goals while Motau and Moynihan each scored a goal. Furano had a team-high 2 assists in the contest. Gove started in the cage for the Bison and made a career-best 14 saves.

The match was the last of the season for the team and the last game for seniors Paige Furano and Larissa Hodzic. The Bison will look to use the offseason to improve and play even better next season.

Track & Field places high in Bucknell Team Challenge

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Senior Writer

The Orange and Blue had a successful showing at the Bucknell Team Challenge on Saturday. The event was held at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium in Lewisburg, Pa. Women's Track and Field finished an impressive first place at the Team Challenge. The women scored 200.5 points among and placed at the top of 10 total teams.

The Orange and Blue scored in every event and earned seven event victories. There were multiple athletes to improve on the all time top 10 performance list or even place on it. Michaela Bracken '22 was named the Bison Athlete of the Week after her great showing. She finished high in both the 400 hurdles and high jump. The Team Challenge was the last home event of the season. Bracken moved up on the all-time list with a time of 1:00.98 in the 400 hurdles and a 5-7 jump in high jump.

Hull '24 finished first in the 100 hurdles with a time of 14.80 and earned the Bison 10 points. Jessie Castellano '23 also placed

first and entered the all-time top 10 list with a time of 56.45 in the 400. The Bison dominated the 800 with Karly Forker '22 taking first at 2:10.34. Mackenzie Turner '23 placed second (2:12.34), and Anna Posh '25 placed fourth (2:14.84).

Mia Belluci '23 won the 3000 with an impressive 9:59.01 and Siobhan O'Sullivan '24 finished first in the shot put with a 45-8. The 4x100 team of Bridget Lalonde '23, Meghan Quinn '22, Gianna Macones '22, and Karen Hull '24 had a time of 46.94.

The men also finished second out of 10 teams and added four event wins. They scored a total of 99 points, just behind first-place Mount St. Mary's at 106. Four different Bison scored in the 3000 steeplechase. Noah Martin '23 took first place with a time of 9:12.97 and right behind were Jeffrey Gibbs '24 (9:30.76), Asa Freidrich '24 (9:39.11), and Grayson Crockett '25 (9:41.22) who finished fourth, fifth, and sixth respectively. They earned a total of 17 points.

The Orange and Blue also took top finishes in the hammer throw with John Calisi '23 winning with a personal best of 182-10, and Robert Feeney '24 in second with a 176-3. Two third place finishes also put the Bison ahead with Anthony Zamarra '23 putting up a big 54-8.25 in the shot put. Mathew Perello '25 placed third in the 200 with a 22.23 and Samuel Whittaker '23 placed third in the 3000 at 8:30.07.

"I am really proud of how the team performed this weekend. Both the men and women did really well in their events and contributed to a great weekend at the Team Challenge. It was an enjoyable last home event and I am glad to have competed hard with my team," stated senior Gianna Macones.

Up next for the Bison is the Penn Relays and Maroon and Gold Invite happening on Apr. 28 and 29. These will serve as the final tune-up for the Bison in preparation for the Patriot League Championships.

Bison Sound event displays newest hit music: Yodeling

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Last Saturday's Bison Sound Music Festival was a huge success, not only because of the food trucks and its timing right after Super, but because of the student performances. Ranging from classic rock covers to jazzy rap, nothing could top the last performance—yodeling.

Many students are aware how popular yodeling is nowadays with the trendy yodeling dances and some songs hitting the Billboard's top 100. This must've convinced Brent Papson to not only allow yodeling to be played in-between performances, but to include a yodeler. Not many

people can yodel, but we luckily have one student who can yodel—Yode Le '22.

When Le performed his newest single, "Yode-Le-Hee-Who?", his yodeling had filled the field with students—half of them drunk and half nearly in a food coma. One student, who was so drunk that they thought they were at Coachella, screamed, "YOU WERE LATE LAST NIGHT BUT I STILL LOVE YOU, JACK!". Although Le did not resemble Jack Harlow one bit, the drunk student still loved the yodeling as did many students as some of them began to crowd surf, making Bison Sound a low-budget Coachella event. Although Bison Sound was not Coachella, we did have a yodeler.

Some students don't have housing. So what? Here's why that's a good thing

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As the end of the year quickly approaches, many students are stressed about trying to find housing for next year. While some students found what they wanted, others were shut out. Don't fret if this is you—actually, it is a good thing.

Survival skills. Let's face it, we all know that we cannot be coddled for our entire lives. Not having housing next year is an excellent way to adjust to this. While you might not make your bed in your

dorm, you will be forced to make your own bed in the woods with materials like leaves and twigs. You will hopefully learn lessons about resourcefulness as a result!

You will make new friends. Are you constantly complaining that you have no friends? I am too. Having no housing next year is the perfect fix for this. This will force you to make new friends that you would have never made in the first place, like squirrels and werewolves!

So, there you have it. There are a few reasons why having no housing next year will be a good thing!

Secret Scientific Lab Successfully Clones Winston Churchill, who was Previously Dead

Maximus Bean
Satire Co-Editor

An amazing report is coming from the bowels of the Himalayas, where Swedish scientist Zom Walker has successfully cloned the famous figure. The Bucknellian was lucky enough to score an exclusive—albeit brief—interview with him after I slipped him a hundred under the table.

"Ah, yes," he cackled in his lair, petting the test tube with the baby inside. "With our combined might, we will rule the world, one Prime Ministry at a time!" When asked to clarify, he said he was referring to him and his test tube Winston. Dr. Walker's amazing feat has

arrived hot on the heels of recent advancements in artificial organs, such as the artificial heart, the mechanical liver, the inverted gallbladder and the "test-tube trachea." However, with this recent cloning, we can finally learn the great secrets stored in the man's mind. With all of his knowledge and insight, we could decipher the great mysteries of World War II—whatever those may be. Of course, there are some ethical issues with cloning. For instance, if there was anything Churchill loved, it was cigars and alcohol. Cigars, as we know, cause you to breathe out smoke, and alcohol is the primary cause of drinking and driving. If Winston Churchill gets cloned with his legendary

stomach for alcohol and smokes intact, then who's to say that these companies won't grow their own little Churchills to serve as mascots too? Alternatively, some detractors may claim that even though it's the same genetics as Churchill, it doesn't mean that he'll have the "personality" or "experiences" that the original one does. This is obviously false. My family passed down the same personality traits for generations. I'm a satire writer. My father tells plenty of jokes. My father's father was kinda funny too, my father's father's father created the "a horse walks into a bar" joke (he wasn't as funny as his future generations would be), while my father's father's father's father...

What's Not Poppin'? Jack Harlow & The Homies

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This past Friday, the University was blessed with Mr. Jack Harlow's presence. Mr. Harlow graced the stage for an awe-inspiring 29-minute performance—only 51 minutes shorter than my Anthropology 109 class. The only difference between the two events is that unlike Jack Harlow, Professor Tran doesn't flirt with the young college girls clamoring in the first row.

Mr. Harlow, who was a mere two hours late to his own concert, brought his "homies" on

to perform first—and boy, were they something. Something good? The question remains unanswered (unless, of course, you ask anyone at the concert that forsaken night in which case the answer would be a resounding "No").

Professor Turner of the philosophy department was seen leaving the concert halfway through "the Homies" opening act. When asked why he was leaving so early, Turner responded: "I came for my boy Harlow. These ain't my homies." Wise words from the sophist.

The University President,

who, as mentioned in previous Bucknellian articles, is booked solid through May of 2035, managed to clear his busy Friday schedule and pop out to the show. He was seen bobbing up and down in the third row, and his 6'7" frame prevented the nearly 47 students directly behind him from seeing Harlow's "poppin'" albeit very brief performance. In fact, one student claimed that they "blinked and it was over"—although their eyes were quite red and they had an earthy, herbal smell about them, so other factors may have come into play.

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College Sustainability: The Sequel

Sophia Ippolito
Staff Writer

In last week's edition of the Bucknellian an article was published about sustainability on campus, just in time to welcome the Earth Day festivities celebrated and implemented by University students and faculty. That article — in case you missed it — was written by the same author entertaining you now. If you missed it, you can find the first in this short two-part series by visiting the Bucknellian's website and looking for the article "Have you Hugged a Tree Today." Please don't mistake the motivations behind this article, thinking that the good people over at the Bucknellian had nothing better to write about than a sequel to an already published article. But upon writing the first, we agreed on the necessity of a second. If your memory serves you right, and you did happen to come across last week's edition, you will remember that apart from the article's suggestions on sustainable changes to individuals' lifestyles, it also served as a platform for various students to comment on what changes they have made to be more sustainable on campus. The idea was for students to share and exchange sustainable changes that would culminate to a much larger change on campus, causing an effect that, like a small stone in a calm pond, would ripple and reach well beyond the members of the University.

I am happy to say that I was not disappointed in the results of last week's efforts. When I last checked, the article has been graced with the comments of a handful of students who had their own ideas or stories of sustainability. Now, admittedly — and in the interest of reporting honestly — three of these commenters did so on my behalf, after a few

not-so-subtle remarks about my article and the stated hope that it would get responses. As you can see, I am far from anything resembling the term "subtle."

Allow me to be clear on one point — then I will proceed to fill your head with all kinds of fantastic money- or space-saving sustainable changes. I, as well as most likely you, am just a student working through a competitive school while pushing myself harder with each passing year. We're all doing our best to juggle academics with the busy social and academic lives of young twenty-somethings. I am willing to bet that we are both more concerned with our imminent finals than we are about reducing waste or the current climate change or pollution situation. That is fine — we are all making an effort to manage what we can in the present. As David Berry '24 explains, many students are simply not that concerned about the planet. "I think part of it is the culture of just that you're in a rush to do something so you just kind of throw trash away [instead of recycling] and it's the easier option," Berry said. In truth, he's not wrong. So please read this article with a grain of salt, while understanding that its goal is to give a foundation for easy, convenient and beneficial sustainable changes rather than to judge or shame anyone.

That being said, the reader might be surprised to find that sustainable change could be right under your nose without you knowing it. The way Mackenzie Zerbe '25 put it, in the case of sustainability on campus — a time when our main promise is to our academics — what matters most is accessibility. "[Sustainability, particularly on campus] is pretty important, but probably more in the

category of important as long as [its] not a lot of extra steps," Zerbe said. "Basically as long as it's not a big hindrance I would choose sustainability more if I was aware of what could be sustainable."

And thus is the crux of this article — how to make sustainability easy and cheap enough for college students. So here are the top comments left by students wanting to share their tips: firstly, by biking or walking to classes. Have you noticed a slew of nearly identical bicycles being used by students either parked outside of the Bertrand Library or downhill by the ELC?

These are bikes you can rent from the Outdoor Education and Leadership (OEL) organization on campus. By utilizing this resource, students can avoid driving to classes and creating more carbon emissions per trip, all while saving money on the ever-growing prices of gas. Biking, in addition to walking and getting in a little cardio before each class, was a popular response by our readers. These next two tips were offered by the same commenter — she suggested buying foods in bulk, which saves on packaging, and making weekly visits to the University food pantry located on the second floor of the Elaine Langone Center. The food pantry is free to students and restocked frequently. For those of you looking for some fruit or protein bars to fill in the gaps of your own pantry, this is a free and highly-sustainable resource.

Next was a suggestion to scrap the paper towels, instead utilizing reusable cloth towels. Oftentimes people make these towels out of old and torn t-shirts or other pieces of clothing which would otherwise be thrown out. It can spare you a trip to Walmart

every time you run out of single-use paper towels.

Lastly, and this one might be difficult for those of you who let "aesthetic" reign supreme, don't toss this year's notebooks at the start of the fall term. Instead, use up every page to get the most out of what you paid for. Each Five-Star Notebook costs roughly five and a half dollars; at four classes a semester and two semesters per year, that's at least an additional forty dollars you wouldn't otherwise need to spend. Even better — avoid using paper notebooks altogether and join the rest of us in 2022 by taking digital notes.

But students aren't the only ones making change and celebrating in the Earth Day spirit. The campus hosted a number of talks, lunches and events to promote a conversation about sustainability amongst members. Among the many events was a documentary on minimalist living, a climate commitment workshop with Professor Smyer, an Earth Day festival hosted at the student farm, and the university's ninth annual Sustainability Symposium. Other smaller and more day to day changes include swapping bathroom paper towels with blow dryers, switching to wooden utensils in the Bison, and implementing a to-go container system at the cafe to reduce waste.

With continual improvements the University, its students and campus have steadily made a ripple in this otherwise calm pond. Thank you to all who have commented or plan to, and with a deep sentiment I hope that this article will do a fine job of representing the ideas of the student body in their endeavors to care for our shared home — not just our campus, but our planet, too.

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Editorial: the printed page in the Information Age

This year the *Bucknellian* turns one hundred and twenty five years old. The first *Bucknellian* editor-in-chief assumed power the same year that William McKinley was elected; Civil War veterans would have been reaching middle-age; Arizona and New Mexico had not yet been admitted as U.S. states; and the Great Depression was still 30 years hence.

This "University at Lewisburg" graduates nearly a thousand each year — compared to the three-dozen-strong classes of the nineteenth century — grew majors from five to beyond 60, expanded both uphill and downtown, and shifted with the tide of higher education nationwide.

That founding *Bucknellian* staff — well, the Orange & Blue then, with a 1915 name change "to make the paper itself more representative" — found it incumbent upon themselves to start something new, a new chronicle of the students of the University (see their first editorial on B4).

As the current editorial staff of the *Bucknellian* reflects on this century-plus legacy of independent student journalism, we find it important to ask what it really means to be student journalists. Often, as was pointed out in a 1983 editorial by then-editor-in-chief Nancy Campbell, this tradition has been undervalued; Campbell noted that the lack of "credit and/or monetary reward for the job [journalists] do" forced the paper into its first and only serious succession crisis in late 1983.

But despite these problems, the paper has continued to pursue its mission to provide coverage on issues vital to the campus community. During the height of student activism in the latter half of the 20th century, the *Bucknellian* was utilized to coordinate protests against the Vietnam War and the South African apartheid system. In 2008, amid a systemic omission of reporting on campus sexual assault by Public Safety, it was the *Bucknellian* who broke this silence in an award-winning article on Public Safety's obligations under the Clery Act and the increase in assaults it had underreported. A 2020 article by Spandan Marasini highlighted the widespread food insecurity issues that had plagued campus facilities for years. And

just this year, the *Bucknellian* provided coverage of a scandal involving the University's former Chief of Public Safety, who allegedly allowed a suspect in a student conduct investigation to delete evidence of potential sexual harassment off his phone. In each case students took the initiative to provide students, faculty and staff with the highest possible-quality reporting on the issues that mattered to them.

This lengthy heritage of commitment to truth and justice makes us, the Editorial Board, immensely proud to have continued this tradition into our 125th year of publication.

In a time and place increasingly defined by a polarized media and press landscape, we are also proud to have provided objective, factual reporting that transcends party affiliation. Only a few publications continue to satisfy such a role; fewer have the platform to be in front of those students soon to go out into the "real" world.

"The *Bucknellian* endeavors to unite its constituency around a common understanding of the facts, problems and future of Bucknell"

Ever since the beginning of independent media as a social institution, coverage of issues has been ultimately defined by opinion — opinions on what and who is important to highlight, what stories to prioritize and what audiences to consider. But in the modern world, the idea of "opinion" has morphed, distorted from the presentation and contestation of arguments, to the caricature of facts, vitriolic repudiation of critique, and fundamental questioning of the concept of truth. At the national level, news organizations with divergent opinions tend to create entire alternative realities

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"The *Bucknellian* was my college education" Former Editors-in-Chief speak on student journalism

Nick DeMarchis
Print Managing Co-Editor
April 29, 2022

"Who reads *The Bucknellian*, right?"

While at a Bucknell Student Government (BSG) meeting earlier this week, that was the pitch that I made for people to apply for the paper's staff. The inside joke — that we publish exclusively for Brent Papson and our family — is a common refrain here at the paper. It's a joke... well, mostly.

But it belies a deeper truth. The role of journalism, including the journalism of *The Bucknellian*, is rapidly changing in accordance with larger social trends. That is fully undisputed. Why we're here — what *The Bucknellian* does and what it should do — is a bigger question to answer, and one we're thankful we don't have to answer alone.

I had the chance to speak with a few who have recently served as Editor-in-Chief for the paper. They shared their experiences on *The Bucknellian*, what they've learned, and their vision for student journalism as a whole.

Nancy Campbell '85 — now the Department Head of Science and Technology Studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute — was one of the first who I spoke with. She oversaw *The Bucknellian's* "final issue" in 1983 (see B2), and spoke warmly of her experiences directing student journalism here at the University.

As *The Bucknellian* is in a unique position to document the events of the University and Lewisburg from a more detached perspective — "stewards of the public record" as this year's editor Griffin Perrault '22 affectionately put it — this sort of work draws a variety of dedicated people.

"We had a lot of fun—our editorial meetings were raucous. Even though we were stressed and sleep-deprived," Campbell said, "we were smart, serious, frenetic and deeply immersed in what we were doing."

Culture, too, was a shared thread throughout the conversations I had. "The paper was fun to work on when I was there," said Ben Kaufman '14, "we wanted to create an environment where people could have fun and try new and different things."

The Bucknellian has comprised a "motley crew of students from all grades, all majors, all interests, all talents," Morgan Gisholt Minard '17 said, who's now a journalist for the BBC News.

"It was an incredibly fun environment (she says fondly, reminiscently, hopefully!?) and the level of collaboration between all areas of the staff was something we tried

hard to foster," Minard said. That's her parenthetical, by the way.

E.J. Crawford '99 remembers *The Bucknellian* as "a really good, collegial atmosphere." Even though there were often disagreements on editorials and coverage, "I felt like we all came together each week to put out a product we could be proud of," Crawford said.

Kaufman and his staff was focused on a club-like atmosphere and "working together, putting out the best paper that we could," he said.

In a way, he and his peers could "express ourselves creatively in a way that Bucknell's education wouldn't necessarily let us" otherwise.

And producing a great physical and digital edition was validating.

"Seeing students on campus and in town picking up the physical paper that we'd poured so much time and effort into every week, and receiving emails from peers and university staff about how *The Bucknellian* was a publication worth reading" for the first time in a while confirmed that the entire staff's efforts were paying off," Gisholt Minard said.

"We had a mission. There was drama. There were antics," and, in a way, Campbell said, "being at *The Bucknellian* was my college education."

And creating *The Bucknellian* has been a formidable mission, at that. Nearing 30 pages of content some years, the act of assembling the paper is a feat in and of itself.

"While it was a huge undertaking and project every week, it's something with which I could repose trust in with my staff," said Perrault, this academic year's outgoing Editor-in-Chief.

Coming together to *The Bucknellian's* offices helped facilitate the process.

"We were in the basement of Roberts," Kaufman said, "one of the scarier places to find yourself on a random day on campus. There were no windows so it could be any time of day down there and look the same."

Campbell remembers the heating pipes' near-constant clanging amid the din of hot wax pasting and a full film lab. With those tools, "we prepared camera-ready copy, editorial cartoons, photos, ads, and other art," Campbell said by hand.

Brett Tomlinson '99 spoke of Roberts' 80-degree heat in the middle of winter. "There must have been a furnace room nearby," Tomlinson said.

Those old offices in Roberts sported, according to Gisholt Minard, "slouching couches, less-than-stellar internet connection, aging computers on which to do

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Spring 2022 Bucknellian Staff

Left to right:

Liz Lagerback '22
Griffin Perrault '22
Bel Carden '22
Max Bean '24
Jacob Feuerstein '22
Nick DeMarchis '22
Nicole Yeager '22
Dora Kreitzer '25

Jaxon White '23
Justin Schaumberger '22
Anthony Lopez '22

Not pictured:

Haley Beardsley '24
Sal Iovino '24
Juliette Gaggini '24
Juliana Collins '23
Alex Iannone '22
Oluwasefunmi Oluwafemi '24
Maddie Hamilton '23

Kyle Putt '23
Holly Burns '22
Brent Papson, advisor

The “Last Issue” of the Bucknellian

Editorial: Back to class

Nancy Campbell, Editor
December 2, 1983

I regret to inform you that *The Bucknellian*, which completes its 92nd volume with this issue, will not publish next semester. In a unanimous vote last Sunday, the editorial board voted to close the paper. You may wonder why the board chose to make this move — there was no choice in the matter. The editorial board was forced into this decision.

Perhaps you took for granted it would not happen. You thought there would surely be some poor sucker who would step in — perhaps for the fun of it, perhaps for the ‘glory,’ perhaps for the resume. No one stepped forward. There were no applications for the editorship.

This was not the fault of my staff, for they are ready and willing to perpetuate themselves next semester. There is simply no one to take on the commitment required to lead this staff.

Someday, I am sure there will be someone who will feel the need for Bucknell to publish a campus newspaper strongly enough to get things going again. Unfortunately, inertia will not be on that person's side. If the paper closes now, it will be a long time before it will get a competent staff together again.

As I considered the responsibility of allowing the paper to close, I took some small comfort from the thought that the campus would not be totally devoid of communication, as WVBU would still be broadcasting news. This would keep some sort of check on the University's attitudes and policies toward students. But WVBU too faces imminent collapse at the end of January. For the same reason, lack of someone at the top, WVBU too will close.

We might try to pin the blame for the demise of two large and largely successful student organizations on student apathy, but I have a

competent and unapathetic staff. I cannot place the blame on student apathy simply because one or two positions cannot be filled.

I place much of the blame for the problem on the fact that student officers, even of activities like *The Bucknellian* and WVBU, get no credit and/or monetary reward for the job they do. There is little recognition (shall I say positive recognition?), no money, no credit, balanced on the other side by the ‘challenge’ of taking on a more-than-full-time job and a full course load. It's no wonder no one wants it.

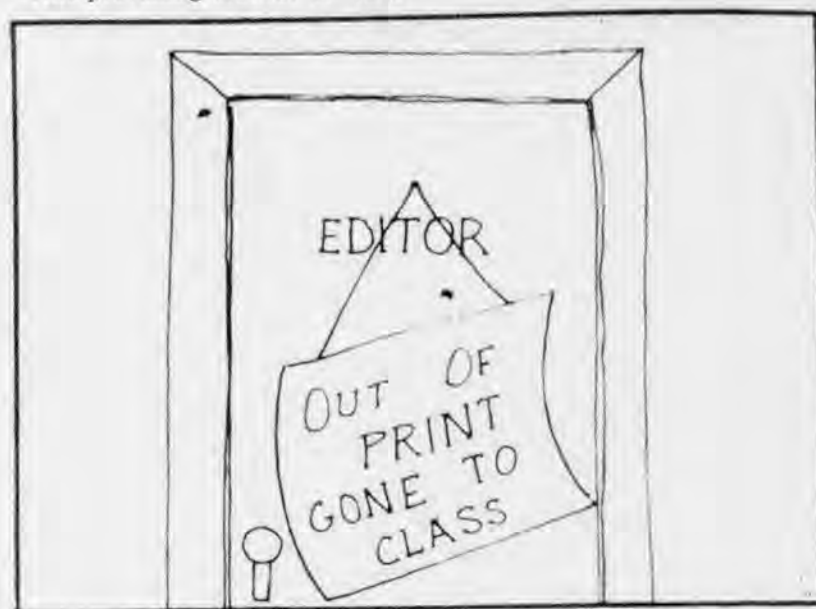
I have proposed several versions or plans for an ongoing system of credit and evaluation for the editor of *The Bucknellian*. Charles Bramhall '85, station manager of WVBU, has done the same. We have both [been] met with “It's been tried before” and “We certainly can do nothing by next semester.” There seems to be no alternative to the present system, or lack of it. The University does not seem to want to support the students in this endeavor.

This prevailing attitude of “take

care of it among yourselves” leaves me to conclude that perhaps there is no alternative — no alternative, that is, to closing the two organizations and leaving behind a campus without communication in 1984. How fitting.

I wonder what no newspaper and no radio station is going to look like to prospective students visiting the campus, and to all those eager freshmen who intend to continue their activities in college. If I were looking at things from a public relations standpoint, I would not want two major student-run organizations dealing with communications to shut down in the same semester. It wouldn't look too good.

So I close my term as editor on a sad note. If and when someone wishes to reopen *The Bucknellian*, I will teach that person what it will take to do so. I will also feel sorry for that person, because as long as there is no incentive for *The Bucknellian* editor or the station manager of WVBU, the threat of there being no successor hangs over every editor's and station manager's head.



David DeGuzman, Editor
February 10, 1984

Yes, *The Bucknellian* is publishing for the spring semester. Some poor fool stepped forward to assume the role of editor; partly to keep *The Bucknellian* in operation and partly to resolve (or compound) my own philosophical turmoil.

Many Bucknellians were absorbed into the three-piece suit corporate world since the day their SAT scores arrived in the mail and they discovered they could attend a “competitive college.” Monetary tunnel vision, coupled with apathetic myopia, hinders the questioning outlook normally representative of youth.

This trend toward “thinking beyond their years” has aged some of us quickly. Blind acceptance of an imperfect world and the subliminally nagging idea that Bucknell is a

highly reputable trade school come together to produce a student body that does not give a damn about much beyond books, grades and drunken Friday nights that allow them to forget about books and grades for a while.

There is no excuse for not caring about our present environment. Parents no longer buffer out the world; at the same time, food, clothing and shelter come in a package deal. Your sole responsibility at a university is to think — and to care and respond to the world presented to us.

The Bucknellian performs two functions on campus — it reports campus news and involves non-apathetic people, either through discussions over its pages and/or direct involvement — and it attempts to reach the “corporate-bent” student while reaffirming that somewhere at Bucknell University somebody gives a damn.

Deguzman accepts editorship of paper

David Deguzman '86 was elected editor of *The Bucknellian* on December 11 by the editorial board

Three candidates presented applications to the editorial board

“The primary reason for my assuming the editorship is to continue the existence of *The Bucknellian*. My ulterior motive is to transform my own lackluster and apathetic collegiate experience into something that can be used as an effective weapon to pierce social conservatism of the Bucknell Bubble,” Deguzman said.



DAVID DEGUZMAN

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layout spreads.”

The Bucknellian completed its move to its permanent location at Stuck House in 2016, leaving behind the decades-long legacy of working in Roberts. It shares the house with WVBU streaming radio and a WVIA satellite station.

“Say what you will about location being unimportant, but Roberts was literally in a basement near a boiler room,” Perrault said. “Moving to the new location centrally located on campus — even if it might sometimes be cramped quarters with old software — shows the paramount importance of student communications in daily life,” Perrault said.

Part of what *The Bucknellian* does is report on its eponymous University. That sort of inside-out understanding of the University means working with all players: faculty, students, parents, alumni, staff and upper administration alike.

Any time *The Bucknellian* wants to hear from a staff member for an article, for instance, we must contact the University's Director of Media Relations. That means developing and maintaining a relationship with the University's leadership itself.

Crawford spoke positively of his staff's relationship with administration and BSG. He recalled, though, after a negative reception to an editorial “stating explicitly that [*The Bucknellian* wasn't] an organ of the university,” Crawford said, his current career helped to frame *The Bucknellian*'s relationship to administration.

He now works at Yale as a Senior Director of Marketing and Communications for their alumni association and can “see the other side of the coin.”

“I do believe that Bucknell was acting — and continues to act — in the best interests of the students,” Crawford said.

Campbell also spoke on that relationship.

“To us, being ‘independent’ meant not being an ‘organ’ of administration or student

government,” she said, “and having the autonomy to deliberate editorial positions based on documented evidence,” Campbell said.

However, Campbell still emphasizes the importance of a fully independent publication, especially through her experience serving as an informal advisor to another student-run publication.

“*The Bucknellian* needs to represent student voices independent of the University administration and student government,” Campbell said. “My views on that have not changed.”

Crawford emphasized fair, fact-based and good-faith reporting as the goal of student journalism. No institution is perfect, he said, and because “I know we saw it as our responsibility to report on the university accurately and truthfully,” Crawford said, not all coverage would be purely positive.

“I do feel like we did our very best,” Crawford said, “and in retrospect, I appreciate all within the administration who gave us the room to grow.”

Campbell spoke differently of her relationships with the leadership of universities.

“Administrators get nervous when students have autonomy,” Campbell said.

Perrault averred similarly.

“Consistent with their role as a private institution, the administration tends to impose barriers to the release of potentially adverse or negative information about them,” he continued. “I don't blame them — they need to promote a positive image of themselves and the University — but that attitude impedes our duties as journalists to get information relevant to the student population,” Perrault said.

“BSG is often treated the same as *The Bucknellian*,” Perrault said, “their concerns and questions are often dismissed or only considered with secondary importance. We share BSG's opinion, of course, that issues like police accountability, food insecurity, University finance and tuition are really the central questions of higher education right now,” Perrault said.

University administration had actually tried to invade or sway those in the newsroom during Campbell's time at the University, according to her.

When that happened, she said, “we resisted.”

“*The Bucknellian* was not a compliant culture, in any sense of the word,” Campbell said of her staff in the early 80s. “We were scrappy. We were always pointing out what could be done better. We thought that was our job,” Campbell said.

Gisholt Minard described more warmly her interactions with administration. “We had a

mutually respectful and cordial relationship with individuals in the Office of Communications,” Gisholt Minard said.

She described a delicate dance: “holding a powerful institution to account for its many shortcomings and areas for growth, while maintaining a relationship that allows you access to tell the stories that help your readership better understand the community they exist within.”

“With a few exceptions, the University did not try to interfere with any of our coverage — and when they did, it provoked robust conversation about the purpose of an independent news media, for which we were always grateful,” Gisholt Minard said.

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All the former editors that I spoke with agreed that this sort of work and culture has proved deeply informative in the rest of their lives.

For instance, Kaufman's staff “without thinking much, changed the font of the title *The Bucknellian*.” The impact of that significant choice, as he described it, “helped us understand the gravity of changing a detail about your brand... which has stuck with me throughout my career,” Kaufman said.

Tomlinson said skills he learned at *The Bucknellian* were vital for him. “I have written and edited every day of my working life, and I think that's true for people in many professions, not just those who work for publications,” Tomlinson said.

“Knowing how to write clearly is enormously helpful; knowing how to revise is even more valuable,” Tomlinson said. “A newspaper forces you to do both, on deadline.”

Crawford, too, shared that the writing editing skills from *The Bucknellian* laid the groundwork for a career in sportswriting and communications alike.

Campbell uses her skills from the paper “all day, every day — having written five books, hundreds of scholarly articles, blog posts, op-eds, reports, syllabi, conference papers, I've never missed a deadline.”

She also spoke kindly of the soft skills that *The Bucknellian* helps those involved to develop.

“I learned to build relationships with everyone from service and

maintenance folks dealing with the building, to deans, administrative staff, and the president. *The Bucknellian* was where I first worked out how to organize people towards a common goal—getting a paper out every week—but also recognize that they are people who have other responsibilities,” Campbell said.

In fact, in a self-promotional full-page ad from 1986 — often done when there's too much paper and not enough content — the staff's tinges of pride and a sort of self-assuredness bled through.

To promote applying for the paper's staff, the advertisement decries campus activities that only pad an already “pitiful” resume: “B.S.G. Rep.,” “Luigi Fiji Waiter,” and “Ultimate Frisbee.” Instead, the ad entreats the reader, one should apply for *The Bucknellian*.

“Full-time students are often just learning to take on additional responsibilities of independence and contribution to the community,” Perrault said. “They're not gonna be perfect journalists; they're going to have to take charge of things on their own schedule.”

That sort of reputation — with which today's staff would describe themselves as hardworking and productive despite being almost comically scrappy — also follows from the fact that editorial staff receive no pay or credit for their efforts.

Being unpaid, said Kaufman, meant that he had to balance taking journalistic responsibilities seriously, but also know “that this was not the top priority for most students,” Kaufman said.

Campbell also described how relationships and shared goals were important to keeping *The Bucknellian* going.

“We at *The Bucknellian* couldn't afford just to be critics,” she said. “We had to enroll everyone in the process or... they could just quit. We didn't have any extrinsic rewards—it was all about satisfaction in a job well done,” Campbell said.

Building relationships — while no literal substitute for pay or credit — often formed the core of what differentiated *The Bucknellian*.

The former editors also discussed the idea of being “independent” in *The Bucknellian*'s context.

While Kaufman remembers having editorial autonomy for the most part, there were “definitely times we would want to write something and the school would interject,” Kaufman said.

However, “having autonomy is of key importance when it comes to an independent publication,” Kaufman said, like *The Bucknellian*.

“I think the importance of being

viewed as being independent from the University, its power structures, and any kind of editorial manipulation,” Gisholt Minard said, “is paramount to earning the respect and trust of the people who the newspaper exists to serve.”

Avoiding bias — and even the possible perception of bias — is something that she emphasized.

“It's a balancing act and something that I've personally wrestled with many times over the past decade, as democracy seems to have begun a slow slide into decline,” Gisholt Minard said.

Crawford added that the mistakes made from students' independence created the space for both growth and knowledge. “The important thing is that those mistakes come from an honest place,” Crawford said.

“You need to have room to make those mistakes to find the great stories and tell them well, and that is first and foremost what I think all journalists should strive to do,” Crawford said.

Those challenges, Campbell acknowledged, were just part of the bargain for her staff.

“Independence comes with great responsibility, and we tried to get to right, to strike a balance, to ground our editorials and opinions pieces in the realities of Bucknell,” Campbell said.

At *The Bucknellian*, Perrault felt “independent, but not empowered.” “There's no active compulsion on the part of the University to cast something in a certain way,” Perrault said, “but I also feel no assistance to pursue the information considered important for students to know.”

The move from print-first consumption to digital media is something that several editors made sure to point out. As news was digitized and popularized, students considered how to contribute in different ways.

“In 1998, if you were quoted in *The Bucknellian*, your friends might tease you at the caf that night. But in 2022, that quote might pop up when a potential employer Googles your name. I suspect that students are less candid because of that,” Tomlinson said.

Kaufman said that the paper's reception among students wasn't ideal. “There was even a Twitter handle that was created making fun of *The Bucknellian*” which, he added sarcastically, “was super fun to watch as people enjoyed that more than the paper,” Kaufman said.

Crawford, in reminding that few students owned cell phones during his 1999 stint at *The*



Morgan Gisholt Minard '17
Photo by Emily Paine
Graphic by Kyle Platt

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circa 1990, Courtesy Bucknell University History Collection

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Editorial: Student journalism

for their respective audiences; not only can these groups not agree on the solutions, they cannot even define the problems according to the same statement of facts. As a consequence our national community has, in effect, split into competing social realities. This has knock-on effects for politics, but also for friendships, family, and understanding of the world around us.

Rather than iterating this national problem at a local level, the Bucknellian endeavors to unite its constituency around a common understanding of

the facts, problems and future of the University. Eluding the simple dichotomies often posed by national news outlets, the Bucknellian has sought to provide tough—but balanced and informed—answers to equally tough questions on college campuses. From fights for higher wages among faculty and students, to housing, free speech, the Board of Trustees, issues of gender and race and the general purposes of a higher education institution, the Bucknellian has been at the forefront of the debates that have defined both national and local discourse over the past century-plus. In addition to these short-term topics, however, students have also used the Bucknellian to comment on and draw attention to longer-duration debates of interest to them. Looking back through the pages of issues past, readers will find our writers discoursing on everything from standardized tests to controlled substances to Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan—no two articles merely reiterating someone else's thoughts or promoting uninspired talking-points. As a consequence, out of all of our activities during our four years at the University, probably the single most consistent source of new and novel information about the world has come from reading students' submitted opinion articles for edits and publication.

Even more important than the Bucknellian's commitment to these issues, however, is the fact that there are few organizations left pursuing such a mission. Though the student station WVBU does provide some coverage of student activities and issues, the Bucknellian is the only source of regular, rigorous investigative reporting which gives voice to a broad swath of the student

population. In this sense, the relevance of the student paper to the University's campus is as clear in 2022 as it was in 1896, when the paper began.

A campus community like the University's will always require a group of people willing to inform neighbors, friends and community members on issues important to them, and provide avenues for action.

So long as this remains the Bucknellian's mandate—to 125 more years!

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Bucknellian, said digital-first news "requires more pressure to break or cover stories as they happen, which can lead to more mistakes," Crawford said.

He also said that it moves the incentive towards engagement as opposed to content, "which can lead media organizations away from core values of truth and fairness and toward stories that are sensational."

Not only for student publications, Crawford said the balance is a tough one to strike, "but it's critically important."

Campbell reflected on the nature of how her content would have been received in 1985 if the "focused, eyes-down" and "individual screen" culture had existed then.

The Bucknellian has published online since the early 90s. With a few exceptions, though, most of the content pursued has stayed print-focused, and a physical Bucknellian has been delivered every year save the 2020-21 academic year due to COVID-19.

Due to the rise of online media, Campbell further lamented the closure of local news outlets, including ones run by students. "This loss," Campbell said, "is incalculable."

Over 100 local newsrooms closed during the pandemic alone, according to the Poynter Institute for Media Studies.

While the face of local journalism rapidly changes, "student publications are covering important stories that often are not being told elsewhere," Tomlinson said. Publications like *The Bucknellian*, he says, should even contribute to local news beyond those associated with the University.

And even though some independent investigative news outlets exist in small spaces online—most notably ProPublica nationally and SpotlightPA locally—"even major newspapers lack investigative journalists," Campbell said. "They are an endangered species."

In fact, employment at newspapers has fallen over 50 percent since 2008, according to Stanford Business Insights. And of that, only a fraction of content produced is investigative in nature.

However, she also argued those changes in media, at the behest of non-investigative conservative outlets, have bled into academia.

"Student journalists have been attacked by their own administrations for doing their jobs as investigative journalists," Campbell said. "The very students whose independent voices should be heard

are shouted down."

Indeed, student journalists at private institutions have faced challenges in the last few years. A recent survey found that over 60 percent of student journalists have been asked by their administration not to publish at least one article. At least ten percent reported threats of disciplinary action or funding cuts because of their reporting.

Campbell recalled an editorial from 1983 which she wrote with her staff.

It reads, "The voice of *The Bucknellian* has been misused or perhaps used to irresponsible advantage in the recent past. [...] We have a voice, a voice which need not stoop to sensationalism nor to triviality. We have a voice and that means we have a commitment to journalistic responsibility. We feel it is high time to use that voice to make the campus aware of serious issues. We do not feel this is a radical demand."

The sands have shifted, causing what *The Bucknellian* does to be all the more vital, she says.

"It was, and it still is," Campbell said, "a radical demand for a free and independent press on a college campus like ours."

A free student press, they overwhelmingly averred, also allows for a broad yet unique subset of voices and topics to be showcased.

"While Bucknell struggles with diversity issues, the media on campus should do its best to be as representative as possible of the different students that exist, which can allow them to showcase different opinions and thoughts without holding a bias towards any one idea," Kaufman said.

Crawford reflected on the responsibility incumbent upon media: "find the important, interesting, and compelling stories and tell them well," Crawford said, with honesty and fairness but also with deference to the truth.

"Media is a powerful tool to hold those in power to account," Crawford said. "That doesn't mean muckraking or sensationalizing, but a reliable, honest source of news has always been important—and perhaps never more-so than today."

Gisholt Minard invoked Voltaire—"with some reservations, and aware of the pomposity"—when describing for what independent student journalism exists.

The famous "I may not agree with what you have to say, but I will defend to the death your right to

say it," informed her ideas of what to discuss at the paper.

While carefully noting exceptions for calls to violence, questioning someone or some group's humanity or existence, etc., she feels "reasonable, rather than radical, freedom of speech is something I've come to appreciate tenfold in my career as a journalist for BBC News, where our mission is to be free, impartial, and fair," Gisholt Minard said.

I never thought that I'd end up writing for a newspaper.

I was never a particularly strong writer in high school: I produced dense copy, fragmented and vague ideas strung together with vocabulary I barely understood. It makes sense that I'm an engineering major, I guess.

Here, I'm not going to proselytize about the importance of student journalism: that'll fit better in the editorial, anyway. Instead, I'll share the way those I spoke to have inspired me, and how I hope that they inspire those after us.

It's fascinating the former editors who've moved away from journalism still praise their experience here, with their peers and with the paper they produced. I think Nancy Campbell said it really well—*The Bucknellian* is a college experience in and of itself, not that I'd wish staring at Adobe InDesign for seven hours were universal. Maybe it's the process, maybe it's the product, maybe it's the people. Maybe it's something else, more intangible but just as huge.

As an editor, it's been a singular honor to learn the ins and outs the University, to interview two Chiefs of Public Safety, to spend time with dedicated staff—just before I walk out the door somewhere else. It's part of the draw, I guess.

We've been around for 125 years; that's impressive in and of itself.

President Bravman often says that to believe in education is to believe in the future. I agree. But, I also think that to believe in student journalism—impactful and challenging investigations by those receiving an education—is to believe in the future, too. A bright future: a future where students understand and question the systems and structures that govern them, where trusted, independent journalism informs peers, faculty, community members and former students alike.

The University will stay around. Hopefully, *The Bucknellian* does too. We need it.

The Bucknellian's first editorial

March 9, 1897

Hardly anything could give us more pleasure than the opportunity to print in the first issue of *The Orange and Blue* an account of the first attempt at amicableness between the under classes. The Sophomores and Freshmen have for two or three years exercised a certain amount of restraint, but the class of [18]99 has at last made a positive step toward the abolishing of the barbarous custom of "scraping." The reception tendered by the Sophomores to the Freshmen is an innovation that succeeding classes will do well to adopt as a custom. The only mistake is that the reception was not given at the beginning of last term before any friction manifested itself. To do the right thing at the right time is an ideal, and the Sophomores should be commended for doing the right thing even at a late date. May the Freshmen this year profit by the example, and improve upon it by extending the courtesy to next year's incoming class at the first opportunity.

Making attendance at the Gymnasium count as an honor is dishonoring the honor. Honor-work is given and acquires its name because some 1 students

are capable of taking more than the prescribed course. Neither superior ability nor industry is required by mere bodily presence in the Gymnasium. This fact being understood, attendance at drill for one term is to count as one-half of an honor. Half an honor! What a cheap inducement to take care of our bodies! If the Faculty wants to better our physical condition let a certain amount of muscular or gymnastic improvement count as an honor, and a full honor, too. It takes time, industry and perseverance to develop muscle or to acquire gymnastic proficiency. The man who exercises his body that his brains may have a better setting deserves to have his efforts recognized; but the fellow who goes to the Gymnasium and slothfully goes through the required motions merely that at the end of the term he may be credited with an honor, is defeating the purpose of the Faculty's action and robbing the honor of its name and significance.

It may not be too early to express a wish concerning the next Commencement News. One of our fond hopes is that the Spectator will depart from his old habit of buffoonery and abuse, and for once give us serious, manly criticism on our college life. When a professor gives a large part of his leisure time to the encouragement

and improvement of an athletic team an attempt to ridicule his zeal is not only ungrateful, but contemptible. We believe that the name and person of a professor should be held in high respect, free from insult or indignity, so long as the man deports himself in a manner fitting his position. If the Spectator has any fault to find with a professor, let him make his charge and substantiate it. Enough of this petty attempt at "smartness!" Away with horse-play and insolence! Let the Spectator be too honorable to fling darts of spite from his ambush of incognito; let him be too benevolent to fall into unkind jests. Let him be a genial, good-natured personage whose yearly visit shall add to our June sunshine. Let him be a man, a gentleman, worthy of Bucknell.

One of the many objects of *The Orange and Blue*, is to bring the immediate alumni into a closer connection with the present students of the University. While this object will never be entirely accomplished, yet in a few particular cases, we believe that it can. One of the methods we intend to employ, is to have a letter from each of the many schools in which Bucknell graduates are playing an active part. We are favored this week with a letter from the Bucknell boys in Crozer [.]

WVBU incident results in expulsion of three students

Madeline Diamond, News Editor
April 2, 2015

The news that three University students had been suspended and subsequently expelled for racist and violent language on a WVBU radio broadcast has garnered national media attention over the past week. The University has joined the media discussion of institutions of higher education dealing with incidents involving hate speech on campus.

Visiting Assistant Professor of History Jennifer Thomson received a call from David Sprout, a paralegal from the Lewisburg Prison Project, regarding a letter he received from an inmate who expressed concern about racist comments made on a WVBU broadcast on March 20. The Lewisburg Prison Project is a non-profit organization that provides legal counsel to prisoners in Central Pennsylvania, including those at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, which is about 4.5 miles from campus. Sprout has previously been a guest on Thomson's own WVBU show, "Bucknell: Occupied."

"[Sprout] had said that he wanted to talk to me about a letter they had received, which had some very racist content in it, and then he read me the letter. In the letter, the inmate reported that he had been listening to the radio on Friday, March 20, and sometime between 8:30 and 9 p.m., had heard three statements made," Thomson said.

"[The letter] was enough, for me, to raise concern," Sprout said in an interview with *The Bucknellian*.

Thomson then notified Student Media Advisor James Lee about the incident, who then reported it to the administration. According to Assistant Vice President of Communications Andy Hirsch, the violent language and racial slurs were used during the WVBU student-radio broadcast "Happy Times" near the end of the 8 p.m. hour. The "Happy Times" radio show has since been removed from the WVBU schedule. Lee declined to comment on the incident due to confidentiality reasons.

Over the past week, local media has had a presence on campus, interviewing students about their reactions to the incident. Emma Downey '18 was interviewed on-camera by WNEP reporter Clay LePard this week.

"I also emailed him asking if he'd be interested in getting a different side of the story and meeting with students off campus to talk about the issue, and he was," Downey said.

In addition to the radio comments from March 20, Public Safety responded to reports of vandalism including racial slurs in two classrooms in Coleman Hall, a wall in the International Commons in Coleman, and a hallway in Vaughan Literature. The comments were written on chalkboards

and dry erase boards, according to Operations Captain of Public Safety Douglas Lauver. According to President John Bravman, the comments were written in quotation marks, possibly in an attempt to share the content of the broadcast before Bravman released the remarks via email.

Although three students have already been expelled, the University is still conducting an investigation in regard to other students who were present during the broadcast.

"There are still facts to find and interviews to be held," Bravman said when asked about the state of the ongoing investigation.

As for the three students who were expelled, Bravman said that University officials spoke with the students after he was informed about the incident on March 26 and the decision about their expulsion was made on March 30. Bravman said that he expects the remaining investigation to conclude within one or two weeks.

"It is clear to me that this is not an isolated incident. Racism exists on campuses across the country and, in fact, throughout society," Bravman said in his March 30 update email to students, faculty and staff.

Bravman revealed the content of the broadcast that prompted the investigation and expulsion. Bravman has communicated with the campus community about student conduct incidents in the past, including an email he sent last December regarding the hateful and violent content posted on the social media application Yik Yak.

The transcription from the WVBU broadcast reads, "Student 1: '[N—]'; Student 2: 'Black people should be dead'; Student 3: 'Lynch 'em!'"

"This is a problem, and we have to stop ducking it," Bravman said when asked about his reasoning behind sharing the violent language of the comments.

Bravman has kept in contact with the campus community since the incident through his emails and forums held on March 31 and April 1.

"For the President to write to the whole University is a rare event... I'm hoping what we find [during the investigation] does not rise to the level that presidential communication is required," Bravman said.

In an interview with *The Bucknellian*, Bravman referenced the University's Five-Year Diversity Plan, which he says the University has put in action to address diversity on campus. He also acknowledged his support for the student-led event sponsored by the Bucknell Student Government (BSG) and the Black Student Union (BSU) that will be held on April 14, stating that "peer-to-peer" interactions are important to create change.



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Public Safety officers are being asked to do police work. Should they be armed?

Kim Dunlap, Staff Writer
February 25, 2005

Public Safety officers have long asked for the right to carry weapons while on duty, but the idea never got farther than the talking stages. That may change before the end of the semester.

At the same time as the administration is re-assessing the role of Public Safety at the University, many officers have begun efforts to unionize the Public Safety staff at the University in order attain new rights.

For some time members of the faculty and administration have been discussing the changing role of Public Safety officers on campus. Often considered simple enforcers of traffic and alcohol-consumption laws, many officers argue that the school and students expect them to serve the same purpose as a police force, without the benefits typically associated with one.

"We are going through a process of redefining what we expect from Public Safety officers," General Counsel Wayne Bromfield said.

These talks have led to the rise of two movements by Public Safety: the interest in creating their own union and the request to receive firearms.

According to many in the department, it has become necessary to officially redefine the role of Public Safety at the University given the growing list of responsibilities delegated to them.

"Police work is basically all we do," said Jason Bentley, Public Safety officer and acting president of the nascent union.

Public Safety officers are technically police officers, although sworn in under a law that allows private companies, like the University, to hire officers for private work, with fewer responsibilities than a government police force. They are all trained in the use of firearms and attend a state-certified academy.

Although input from several parties is being included in the decision on whether to give officers firearms, the final decision is up to University President Brian Mitchell.

Director of Public Safety Vincent DeCerio declined to comment on the possibility of officers receiving firearms, or of any Public Safety employees joining a union.

"We have been asking them, in many respects, to act as police officers, without necessarily giving them the training or the armament for that position," Bromfield said.

Firearms are not a recent request for officers, but this may be the closest they have come yet to having it granted.

"This has been requested for years and years. It's not new ... How often have you seen a Public Safety officer do a traffic stop?" asked Bentley, who, like other officers, is asked to perform them when necessary as part of his normal duties. "It's one of the most dangerous things a police officer can do, especially unarmed, so we don't seek them out."

Many officers will argue that it is not unreasonable to feel threatened while on duty, and that firearms are a legitimate solution to realistic concerns. Several incidences in the past, both on-and-off campus, caused officers to be nervous about their limited safety gear.

"What brought this into sharper focus two years ago was the Public Safety officer that was shot up in Williamsport when he was breaking up a loud party," Bromfield said.

In that incident, a non-student attending a party at the Pennsylvania College of Technology allegedly got into a fight with the officer breaking up the gathering, which took place on an active downtown strip similar to Lewisburg's Sixth Street. The officer was shot and killed.

Another incident contributing to Public Safety's unease is the recent burglary of Taylor Hall, where the perpetrator needed to be apprehended and wrestled to the ground with the assistance of Lewisburg Police Department.

Encounters under such uncertain circumstances lead many to feel under-prepared with the gear they are currently issued.

"They know that an intruder is there but they don't know if it's a prankster or an armed burglar," Bromfield said. "They are approaching a building at 2 a.m. without any knowledge of what they're about to encounter."

At the moment, Public Safety officers at the University are outfitted with handcuffs — used to

arrest unruly or law-breaking individuals — and their weaponry is limited.

"They are trained and certified in the use of deadly weapons, but the only gear they carry on campus is a baton for self defense," Bromfield said.

The staff and student interest groups involved in the Public Safety talks are not the only ones involved in the debate. The administration plans to invite more community opinions as the issue progresses.

"I will shortly be gathering campus community input in public forums and focus groups, as we did extensively with students on some of the questions in the fall," said Charles Pollock '70, vice president for student affairs.

"At any time, because of the necessities of the job or the adoption of a revised mission, the president could authorize a different role, which could include carrying firearms," Bromfield said.

Having guns would undoubtedly make officers safer, but makes it more possible that they could hurt someone accidentally.

This is not a question unique to the University. Pennsylvania state law allows any school to decide for itself whether to arm its private security.

"Pennsylvania permits private schools to choose what level of security and policing that they wish to adopt — within limits," Bromfield said. "The highest we can get is the equivalent of police officers, or we could go as low as just enforcing parking regulations."

Despite his power to do so, Mitchell does not plan to make such a drastic decision by himself, Bromfield said.

"[The president] is waiting to hear what a lot of the other groups, student groups, and Public Safety officers think ... if it could be handled without jeopardizing the safety of the students..." Bromfield said. "Then he has to make a decision on whether he agrees that it's necessary for Public Safety officers and does not constitute a threat to students."

That is, in a nutshell, the administration's dilemma; having guns would undoubtedly make officers safer, but makes it more possible that they could hurt someone accidentally.

"Our hope in all our planning for Public Safety is to enhance both the safety of everyone on campus and relations between Public Safety staff and rest of the community," Pollock said.

In addition to the risk of injury as a result of firearms, the liabilities they bring would be another bill the University would have to pay in its growing list of costs. Financing licenses and training is not an issue, according to Bromfield.

"They all have training, they're all licensed ... so there would be no additional expense. Most insurers already assume that Public Safety officers will be armed, so that's already been taken into account," Bromfield said. "The relatively modest cost would not affect our tuition analyses. The total cost should be less than \$6,000-\$7,000."

Giving University field officers firearms is not the only solution to the complaints of Public Safety, and other methods may be employed to meet their requests.

"We cannot put officers in harm's way without adequate protection, but we do have the choice of either giving them greater protection or reducing our expectations of them in hazardous situations, which means turning more incidents over to the local police," Pollock said.

Although the announcement of whether firearms will be granted to the officers is expected to come sometime this semester, the administration cannot be certain exactly when the decision will officially be made.

"Our target for having a Public Safety plan, one in which the arming question is answered and which the President has approved, is the end of the current semester," Pollock said. "We are not yet far enough along in our analysis to say what the resolution of the arming question will be; there are many good arguments for having officers carry guns, but also countervailing issues such as cost to consider."

Should Public Safety officers be

denied firearms, they may be able to force the issue later on their own — especially if they successfully unionize (see sidebar).

"They could request, as part of their working conditions, that the University authorized their carrying firearms," Bromfield said.

Despite some of the financial and social problems that may arise as a result of Public Safety armament, many understand the officers' concerns and their request for modes of self-defense.

"I can appreciate their concern," Bromfield said. "If I were called to investigate a dangerous incident in the middle of the night, I would probably prefer to be armed."

Not everyone at the University considers the acquisition of firearms to be a good idea. Many students are opposed to arming Public Safety officers, considering such weapons unnecessary in the normally peaceful Lewisburg area.

"That's totally unreasonable considering past experiences," Brittany Patton '07 said. "I think it's ridiculous."

Some view these new measures as counter-constructive attempts to control the student population, rather than ones to help protect them, making students feel victimized rather than protected.

"By arming a police force whose main duties are silencing noise violations and preventing underage consumption, the University is again overextending its already directionless student policing measures," Dan Fried '06 said. "I feel as though I'm a prisoner at a concentration camp rather than a student at a top liberal arts university."

Others feel that students would feel more hostile toward armed officers under any circumstances.

"I'd say Public Safety should not carry guns. That only adds to the fear that students have for them, because already when students see Public Safety they assume the worst: that they are in trouble or something, instead of thinking that Public Safety is trying to help them," Chuck Paindiris '07 said. "It just adds to the tension between both parties, and gives Public Safety more of a power trip and students more reason to dislike them."

Others agree firearms may be necessary in more threatening situations, but might give campus officers too much power — power which many tuition-paying students feel they are being deprived of.

"I guess it's understandable if they're approaching a burglary situation where their lives might be in danger," Anastacia Fullmer '07 said. "But I think if they want all the rights of a police force, then we should get all the rights of citizens. Like [the] right to due process in alcohol-related situations such as DUI."

Bucknellian staff working with negatives and photographs
Circa 1991

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Board [of Trustees] decides to arm Public Safety

Michelle Laxer, News Editor
February 4, 2008

The decision was made to arm University Public Safety officers, effective August, during last Friday's meeting of the Board of Trustees.

It is now the job of President Brian C. Mitchell to ensure the next steps in the arming process are taken care of thoroughly, Chief Communications Officer Pete Mackey said. The University's ad hoc task force on Public Safety arming must determine the particular circumstances involved with arming the officers. The University will hire a consultant to offer advice and help in the decision making process.

Chief of Public Safety Jason Friedberg said the firm has prior experience consulting other high education law enforcement agencies.

According to task force chairman and Chief of Staff David Myers, decisions must be made as to what sort of firearms the officers will carry, who will be armed, under what circumstances the officers will be armed, what the budget will allow and what additional training will be required of the officers.

"The Board wanted to go beyond the basic training standards that are required under state law," Myers said.

The University is considering ongoing background checks and psychological tests for the officers.

Protocols for the use of different types of weapons must be established, and Public Safety must have agreements with the local municipality for mutual support.

These decisions will be developed up until the final presentation to Board of Trustees in April. Implementation will begin over the summer for the officers to be armed to the agreed extent in the fall.

The task force is planning and scheduling public and student forums in conjunction with Bucknell Student Government (BSG).

"[The Board] wanted the engagement of the campus community in helping discuss those decisions," Myers said.

According to Mackey, there were many factors contributing to the Board's decision. In Nov. 2006 Pennsylvania state legislature mandated that the Pennsylvania System of Higher Education require all public campuses within the state to have armed campus security officers. In addition the Virginia Tech Review Panel appointed by the Governor of Virginia reported that campuses need to ensure that either, on their own or with local law enforcement support, campus police would be able to respond immediately to any type of emergency. In an e-mail Monday to students, faculty and staff from Mitchell, it was stated

the University and the College of the Holy Cross were the only two schools in the Patriot League with unarmed officers.

Myers said the Board considered alternatives to arming the Public Safety officers, which were limited. These alternatives would leave officers relying heavily on local law enforcement agencies.

In the case of an emergency, armed Public Safety officers would be able to respond more efficiently than local law enforcement agencies because of their knowledge of the campus, its buildings and its students. David Surgala, member of the task force and vice president of finance and administration, said Public Safety officers also understand the "culture" of a college campus better than municipalities.

The safety of unarmed officers in the line of duty was also considered.

All but one of the 15 Public Safety officers has had over four years of prior experience as an armed police officer — some with over 15 years of experience. All Public Safety officers have completed the 750-hour Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers Academy and are considered sworn officers. They have the same powers as any state or local law enforcement official. According to the Public Safety Web site, all officers also complete at least 80 hours of mandatory in-service training each year.

According to Mackey, the Board came to their conclusion because they believe it is their responsibility. It was their "moral obligation to do everything possible to protect the safety and security of the campus community," he said.

The Board of Trustees began discussions about arming Public Safety officers last April. They reviewed documents prepared by the ad hoc task force and the Board's Risk Management committee. The decision to arm Public Safety was one of the many steps to increase safety on campus. Other initiatives included cell phone alerts and a newly-installed loudspeaker warning device. The decision to switch to card-access residential buildings is also to increase security.

Currently, officers carry a baton and pepper spray. According to Friedberg, they will continue to carry both as lower-force options. All law enforcement agencies in Union County carry .40 caliber semi-automatic pistols. The outside consultant and the public forums will help to determine what firearms the University officers will carry.

Many different opinions regarding the Board's decision can be found within the student body.

"I think that arming public safety officers is a pretty bad idea," Tricia Bosnic '09 said. "It made me angry that one of the main points the Trustees made was that almost every other Patriot League school has armed officers. When did arming officers become part of keeping up with the Joneses?"

Other students feel arming the officers is necessary to be prepared. Even though Jacob Krizan '08 won't see armed officers before he graduates, he said it would give him peace of mind to know they have the means to protect the students in a bad situation.

"It's important to have authorities on campus with a deterrent so that people know a situation can be contained," said Krizan.

Some see no issues with armed officers.

"There is no reason why we can't trust Public Safety officers with weapons any less than we trust our state and town police officers," Noelle Hawthorne '10 said.

Stacey Featherstone '09, despite her trust in the officers, still doesn't support the decision.

"I am not convinced that this is a necessary move for the limited change in security it would bring," she said. "The money would be better spent educating students ... so that they would recognize warning signs in their peers. This would perhaps stop tragedy before it happens. Even with firearms, public safety will not prevent the first shot."

Morgane Treanton '09 is more concerned about the underlying message of campus safety. "It's scary knowing we actually need weapons to be safe," Treanton said.

Sexual assaults increase

Kelly McGaw, News Editor
November 14, 2008

Seven cases of sexual assault have been reported on campus since August, according to Chief of Public Safety Jason Friedberg. None of the seven cases have been reported in the published Public Safety Log.

Seven reports in three months represent a large increase over the three reported cases in 2007.

"I would call it more of an increase in reporting, which is what we want," Friedberg said.

Friedberg said students are becoming more comfortable with Public Safety and are recognizing their venues on campus, including the Women's Resource Center (WRC), the Sexual Assault Survivor Advocates, as well as an off-campus resource, Susquehanna Valley Women in Transition (SVWIT).

"This year half of those [victims] have come right to Public Safety as soon as they were able to get out of the situation," Friedberg said.

Tracy Shaynak, interim director of the WRC and Advocate Program coordinator, said reporting was down considerably last year.

The rise in sexual assault reports this semester "may mean we've had a rise in incidents, but it definitely means more survivors have been willing and interested to come forward," Shaynak said.

In the wake of the increase, whether in reports or in incidents, some students remain unaware of the issue.

Lauren Rutter '09, who is collecting victimization and perpetration data with Associate Professor of psychology Bill Flack in regards to the "hook-up" culture, said, "I had no idea that the reports of sexual assault at Bucknell had dramatically increased this year."

All public and private universities receiving federal funding are required by law to release criminal statistics in three ways: in an annual report, timely warnings and through the public crime log, according to securityoncampus.org.

This law, the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, commonly known as the Clery Act, went into effect in 1990, four years after Clery, a Lehigh University student, was raped and murdered in her dorm.

The University does post crime statistics yearly, but does not print the occurrence of sexual assaults on a weekly basis in the Public Safety log.

"Incidents are to be included [in the public crime log] ... but certain limited information may be withheld to protect victim confidentiality, ensure the integrity of ongoing investigations, or to keep a suspect from fleeing," according to securityoncampus.org.

The law allows for exclusion of details that may compromise victim's safety.

"As part of the Clery Act ... I don't have to report those [sexual assaults in the log] because it may jeopardize our ability to do the investigation or identify the victim," Friedberg said.

Shaynak agrees that in the interest of the victim, sexual assault incidents should not be published.

"It would be very easy for a survivor, even though there wouldn't be specifics, to be very sensitive to the fact that something is in the paper," she said.

However, the Clery Act states that each report must be published.

"Only the most limited information necessary may be withheld [from the public crime log] and even then it must be released 'once the adverse effect ... is no longer likely to occur,'" according to securityoncampus.org.

When questioned about this Friedberg said, "That's an interpretation. We just go and amend our previous log."

One student believes the log should help the campus community become aware of campus incidents.

"I think the assaults should be listed in the Public Safety log in the most anonymous way possible ... and with consent from the survivor," V-Day Bucknell officer Jessica Vooris '09 said.

Flack, a 1 in 4 researcher, agrees sexual assaults need to be reported.

"The University should be sharing this information publicly somehow, since it reflects an ongoing public health crisis about which people should be aware," Flack said.

Flack's research with the 1 in 4 campaign concludes that between 20 and 25 percent of female college students are sexually assaulted. This statistic almost doubles when including

unwanted sexual touching.

Based on these statistics it is highly likely "the incidents reported to campus authorities grossly underestimate the numbers reported in scientific surveys," Flack said.

Sexual assault is the most under-reported crime on college campuses, according to Shaynak.

She agrees there is a disparity between reporting and statistics.

"No matter how many people are coming forward we know there are plenty more who aren't," she said.

The definition of sexual assault includes sexual misconduct such as groping, fondling, and for the first time, cyber-crimes.

Friedberg said the expansion of the definition could also account for the increase in incidents.

Vooris believes the publication of sexual offense in the Public Safety log could spark an increase in reporting, instead of hindering it.

"Perhaps if people see that other survivors have reported these things they won't be so scared to do the same thing," she said.

Other students agree reporting is necessary, but disagree about the method.

"The Public Safety log is usually swarmed with tripped fire alarms and underage alcohol citations; to include a report of a sexual assault within this list ... trivializes the fact that the assault occurred," said Chrissy Friedlander '09, co-president of 1 in 4.

Mikaela Mathern '09, co-president of 1 in 4, said, "having to see their assault posted in The Bucknellian under the Public Safety log can cause a survivor distress."

On the other hand, Mathern argues, "How can we do anything about it if the student body and the entire community aren't aware of the issue at large?"

Marissa Calhoun '10, President of Brothers and Sisters Empowered (BASE), said published reports of sexual assault would remind students to be careful while out.

Friedberg said the opposite.

"I don't think sexual assaults on campus dictate whether you should be careful or not. There should be a standard level of carefulness when you go out at night."

Calhoun agrees that it is partially the responsibility of campus members to be more aware of their surroundings.

"We also need to hold Public Safety accountable for incidents such as this," Calhoun said.

Calhoun "was less than pleased" with Public Safety after accompanying a friend to the office to report a sexual assault last year.

"Public Safety does a very poor job reporting incidents of sexual assault," she said.

"They ... told us that they could not prove the incident because [my friend] did not bare any marks of abuse."

Friedberg said he disagrees with this account.

"I do not believe this occurred or at least this matter of fact. Public Safety, any police department for that matter, is required to take a report and begin an investigation into a reported offense no matter what 'signs' or evidence exists to prove the crime," he said.

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"Basically, I believe the quote is a lie. If it were accurate I would like to speak with the student to begin an investigation into the appropriateness of officer actions if it did occur. All of our conversations are recorded so it would be very easy to review the tape and get an accurate accounting of what occurred."

In light of recent events, awareness is key. Sexual offenses can and do occur on this campus, Shaynak said.

"It's really hard to fathom that one Bucknellian could hurt another Bucknellian or disregard another Bucknellian's wishes to this extent but it happens," Shaynak said.

Letter of demands to administration revisited at B.A.D. forum

Ellie Hislop, Staff Writer
February 2, 2017

This year's election has sparked a variety of reactions from students across campus, from peaceful protests of the results to open support for the new president. One group of students on campus expressed their right to engage in political activism by drafting a letter of demands addressed to the University administration and asking for signatures of support from their peers in November 2016.

The group calls themselves the Bucknell Alternative Delegation (B.A.D.), and they are interested in combating social issues on campus, such as sexual assault, marginalized communities, and climate change.

On Jan. 26, B.A.D. invited the student body to the LC Forum to discuss campus activism and the implications of their demand letter. One by one, the founders of B.A.D. stood and presented the demands to both their peers and the members of the University administration in attendance.



Courtesy Bucknell University History Collection

Each student leader focused on one of the major demands of the letter. Sam Jacobson '17 gave the introduction to the letter, Shirah Moffatt-Darko '18 spoke about inclusion within the University, Anushikha Sharma '18 and Mona Mohammed spoke about marginalized communities, Jordan Sneed '17 spoke about sexual assault, and Sara Palombo '17 spoke about the environment.

The speakers opened up about events in their lives and their personal experiences on campus relating to the issues of discrimination and marginalized communities. They shared that their motive is to ultimately improve the school that they love and call home, and simply make it a safer, more inclusive environment for everyone.

University President John Bravman sat in the front row of the forum and witnessed firsthand the product of the student activists' mission for change. University officials were asked to attend the forum as a listening body, rather than active participants, which created a stalemate when a question was posed directly to Bravman. After an extended pause, Bravman explained his silence and redirected the question to the panel.

A chronological timeline for change was presented at the forum displaying deadlines for the demands. These deadlines begin as early as January 2017, when B.A.D. expects the University to publicly affirm its status as a sanctuary campus, to August 2030, when B.A.D. expects the University to reach carbon neutrality.

The panelists spoke to the varying priorities of the concerns, and the staggered expectations for implementation.

"The environment needs to be protected now; five or 10 years down the line will be too late. Sexual assault numbers on this campus are staggering and yet we find that our programs are little effective in the face of the patriarchal structures that exist

on this campus," Sharma said. "We pride our increasing diversity, but we're doing little to sustain them."

In hopes of addressing the issue of marginalized communities, B.A.D. has requested that the University allocate a budget increase for each of the Intercultural Equity & Advocacy (IEA) offices that accurately reflect current financial needs assessed on past expense reports by March 2017.

"There is little transparency of budget and resource allocation. A budget is a moral document—we put our money in areas that we value. We need to start valuing our minority students, our women, our environment," Sharma said.

Other demands, including those pertaining to the topic of sexual assault, include hiring a director of the Women's Resource Center by August 2017, delivering a yearly report on sexual assault at the University to the community beginning in the academic year 2017-2018, and establishing a student-faculty oversight board for Public Safety by August 2017. Some of the demands are already outdated or redundant; Kelsey Hicks was hired as a new director of the Women's Resource Center in early January.

Professor of Management Tammy Hiller said she felt immensely proud of the University students for living out the mission statement and hallmark of the liberal arts education, "to think critically about the community you are in and be a good citizen of that community by working for structural changes that promote a more supportive and nurturing community for everyone."

"I am supporting the letter because I'm thrilled to see that students are taking action. I think that oftentimes students see things where they believe our own Bucknell community can be more just," Hiller said.

Hiller explained that someone who is interested in signing the letter, but is apprehensive about committing to every one of the listed demands, does not necessarily have to agree with every detail to support the movement.

"At the end of the day, the issues these students are concerned about are incredibly valid, and the end goals are wonderful," Hiller said.

Investigative News: University Dining Services underfeeds, underpays

Spandan Marsini, Contributing Writer
February 27, 2020

In 2005, former University President Brian C. Mitchell made a decision to completely revamp dining, passing the University's dining program from Sodexo to Parkhurst Dining. This decision was met by student, faculty and staff opposition. Students amassed 1,777 signatures for a petition, faculty members engaged in constant dialogue with Administration and a Dining Services committee of staff met with Mitchell and Vice President of Finance Dave Surgala. Soon after, the University decided to outsource with a 10-year contract with Parkhurst and doubled down in 2015, signing another long-term deal.

Issues with Dining Services have recently begun gaining traction. The Bucknell Alternative Delegation (BAD) had a week-of-action around food insecurity in 2018, and during Admitted Students Day last spring, students raised a banner reading, "Why does BU force students to purchase meal plans? Pasta at BU: \$8. Pasta at Walmart: 89¢." Another group spread information on the issue while distributing free macaroni and cheese in Bertrand Library last semester. According to these students, dining at the University is overpriced, and those making our food aren't reaping the benefits in the form of improved wages.

All students living on-campus are required to be on a meal plan. However, as Surgala acknowledged in an interview, some of the meal plans are not enough to feed a student for an entire semester. The numbers bear out this admission; the highest possible dining-dollars-based meal plan (\$1300 + bonus \$65) yields a daily average budget of \$12.50. Meanwhile, the \$1,000 meal plan corresponds to an average of \$9.60 per day and the \$700 plan offers approximately \$6.70 a day. With meals costing around \$8 each, the budget provided by the \$1,300 plan only covers around one and a half meals per day — roughly half the amount which the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recommends as a healthy consumption level for an American adult.

For those students who receive a great deal of financial aid, purchasing a meal plan can be especially burdensome. For example, for a student who pays \$2,000 to the University, dining expenses form a substantial part of their fees — even

the cheapest dining plan, at \$700 per semester, would multiply their total cost by nearly 1.5.

Some students feel as though \$700 could be better used elsewhere. "The minimum \$700 meal plan, paired with \$7 and \$4 cups of strawberries means that you can't live off of \$700 through Bucknell. If students had the opportunity to opt-out of the meal plan, they would at least be able to put their money into cheaper grocery options," said Maya McKeever '21.

"If you're putting \$700 toward a meal plan, that means you have \$700 less to put toward getting groceries and cooking your own food. In some cases, people who would be able to eat well without a plan aren't getting enough food because of the \$700," Molly O'Halloran '22 said.

To combat Parkhurst's influence on students' dining experience, the University started the B-Eats food pantry in 2018. Located right next to the Dean of Students' office on the second floor of the Elaine Langone Center, B-Eats offers students free access to various dry goods, vegetables, fruits, refrigerated items and frozen meals. According to Dean of Students Amy Badal, the secluded location of B-Eats was chosen to give students a level of anonymity.

Despite its popularity, B-Eats is not viewed as a permanent solution. "The food pantry is a band-aid option that [the University] is going to ride until national news hears that the school doesn't [care] about poor students, but keeps bringing them here and not supporting them," McKeever said.

One facet of campus dining that students feel is not addressed by B-Eats is the social aspect. Many acknowledge the ways in which eating with one's peers is also not an option for those with limited funds who may rely on the food pantry. "Eating is an extremely social act, so it can really strain a student's relationships when everyone around them has more money to spend on food," said O'Halloran.

Additionally, B-Eats is only open during office hours (M-F, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM). As this is when most students are busy, making a trip to the pantry can be difficult — especially if a student is picking out something that needs to be stored in a fridge. With the pantry closed during the weekends as well, B-Eats is closed for more hours every week than it is open.

Parkhurst Dining at the University hires full-time staff at \$8.50 an hour, with the requirement that any staff member's wage, within four years of working at Bucknell, must rise

to \$12.50. Working in dining is a full-time job; however, since dining operations close down during the summer, employees find work only during the semester. In any calendar year, if a staff member works 40 hours each week for the school year (37 weeks), they will make only \$11,200 — less than half the poverty rate for a family of four, according to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Bison workers have claimed to be on welfare or to also have a separate part-time job — alongside working full-time in Dining — to supplement their income. Vice President Surgala said that Bucknell benchmarks its wages according to competitive workplaces, despite the University's status as a not-for-profit institution.

When asked during "A Night with the Presidents" how the University can justify these staff wages, President Bravman said, "If we bump those wages up significantly, you're gonna be paying significantly more for food. It's a balance." His answer highlights the focus on the difficulties between paying University staff more versus raising food prices; although, this response did not directly address the relationship between Parkhurst and the University.

When Bucknellian writer Helen Lauterbach '21 reached out for comment, Badal responded that, "Bucknell acknowledges that there is a growing problem of food insecurity among college students nationwide. The Food Pantry opened at Bucknell in fall 2018 as a result of student feedback and requests. We initially consulted with the University nutritionist in selecting food that offers high protein content. Since then we have added a variety of items based on student requests including almond milk, tofu, eggs, pears, spinach, avocado and bread. The Bucknell Farm has also provided us with food including potatoes, peppers, garlic and butternut squash. We have at times included recipes for students as well."

Students like McKeever have proposed solutions, such as allowing seniors with extra dining dollars at graduation to share their funds with those who may need them. "And, if it's really mandatory, then the school needs to start paying for those who can't [afford] it," she said.

The University administration has acknowledged that further steps need to be taken. "The University continues to assess the needs of our students and is working to develop systemic changes including closely looking at meal plan options," said Dean Badal.

Editors You May Know...

Griffin Perrault

Year: 2022

Position: Editor-in-Chief

Major: Economics / History

Hometown: Harwinton, CT

Activities: President, Bucknell University Democratic Socialists (BUDS); Vice President, Bucknell Mock Trial; Off-Campus Chair, Feed the Herd; Member, Dean's Student Advisory Committee (DSAC); Presidential Fellow, Economics; Teaching Assistant, Statistics and Macroeconomics.

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: I have enjoyed helping students get their voices out there!

Nick DeMarchia

Year: 2022

Position: Print Managing Editor

Major:

Hometown: Enola, PA

Activities: Student Calling Program, Bucknell Student Calling

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: The ability to grow in my own journalistic voice, and help new writers to find theirs.

Jacob Feuerstein

Year: 2022

Position: Print Managing Editor

Major: Economics/Political Science

Hometown: Lewisburg, PA

Activities: Speak Up, Outdoor Educational Leadership, Writing Center

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: All the Awesome People!

Jason White

Year: 2023

Position: News Editor

Major: Political Science/Creative Writing

Hometown: Center Township, PA

Activities: Captain of the track and field team, RA in the mode, Tech Desk student leader

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: I've enjoyed how close the staff has gotten. Everyone is so friendly with one another and we genuinely have a great time at our meetings. Still, we all know the responsibility the paper has and that it is meant to be serious work, so when it comes time to work, we all do so to the best of our ability.

Anthony Lopez

Year: 2022

Position: Investigative News Editor

Major: Literary Studies and Political Science

Hometown: New York City

Activities: Bucknell University Democratic Socialists

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: Decent chairs

Juliana Collins

Year: 2023

Position: News Editor

Major: English/Creative Writing/Spanish

Hometown: Thornwood, NJ

Activities: Consultant at the writing center, member of the language council, and greek life member

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: Learning about on campus events and improving my editing skills

Justin Schaumberger

Year: 2022

Position: Sports Editor

Major: Computer Science

Hometown: River Vale, NJ

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: Meeting new people and spending Wednesday nights with them

Juliette Gaggini

Year: 2024

Position: Satire Editor

Major: English Literary Studies and Environmental Studies

Hometown: Washington, CT

Activities: Women's Rowing, ALD

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: I love being on the Bucknellian staff because production nights are always so fun and I have met so many awesome people through it!

Holly Burns

Year: 2022

Position: Sports Editor

Major: Political Science

Hometown: Morristown, NJ

Activities: Varsity Women's Soccer

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: I love writing so I've enjoyed mentoring younger kids and encouraging them to get involved in the newspaper as well. A lot of my writers are my teammates and it's awesome to be able to work with them in a different space off the field. Some of them are looking to take on a larger role with the newspaper next year so I'm very happy I've had a positive impact on their experience.

Maximus Bean

Year: 2024

Position: Satire

Major: Creative Writing

Hometown: Belmar, New Jersey

Summer plans: For my summer plans, I'm taking an internship down in DC for the National Journalism Center and writing for The Spectator.

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: Some of the material these guys think up are jokes I wouldn't have dreamed of in a million years. It's always a blessing to read what they write, because not only do I get to laugh during the work hours, but because I'm glad to help put their stuff in the paper. The food is good too.

Hailey M. Beardsley

Year: 2024

Position: Opinions Editor

Major: English Literary Studies

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Activities: Rowing, SpeakUp, Residential Colleges

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: I had loved helping writers express their opinions effectively, while also getting to know them!

Kaia Rendo

Year: 2023

Position: copy editor

Major: political science, creative writing, spanish

Hometown: elmwood park

Activities: writing center, lead RA, office of civic engagement intern

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: I've absolutely loved the energy that the room brings. Having inside jokes and little fun stories that we can reflect on every week!

Sal Iovino

Year: 2024

Position: Opinions Editor

Hometown: Ridgefield

Activities: Orientation assistant, GenFirst ambassador

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: The opportunity to work with a close-knit staff and provide an outlet for people to have their voices heard on campus.

Jimmy Pronchick

Year: 2023

Position: Copy Editor

Major: Linguistics

Hometown: Tabernacle, NJ

Activities: TLC and Writing Center

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: Reading wacky satire articles with the copy editors

Bel Carden

Year: 2022

Position: Special Features Editor

Hometown: Newtown Square, PA

Activities: Greek life, Writing Center

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: The people involved!

Lily Baker

Year: 2022

Position: Copy Editor

Major: Sociology

Hometown: Ruxton, MD

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: Getting to know the other copy editors :)

Dora Kreitzer

Year: 2025

Position: Layout Editor and Assistant News Content Editor

Major: Sociology

Hometown: Montgomery Village, MD

Activities: Speak Up, Academic Civic Engagement, SMAC, The Women's Network Magazine, Club Field Hockey,

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: The best part about the Bucknellian is the amazing people that make sitting in Stuck House for hours enjoyable and entertaining. I absolutely love working with the entire Editorial Board.

Nicole Yeager

Year: 2022

Position: News Layout Editor

Major: Literary Studies & Psychology

Hometown: Upper Saddle River, NJ

Activities: Creative Writing Club, confetti head Literary Magazine, HerCampus, Psi Chi Honor Society, Delta Gamma

Liz Lagerback

Year: 2022

Position: Print presentation director

Major: English and Psychology

Hometown: Chanhassen, mn

Activities: Philosophy club, HerCampus, greek life

Favorite Part about Bucknellian: The people! And Bucknellian Super

Maddie Mamilton

Year: 2023

Position: Photography Editor

Major: Biology and History

Hometown: Winchester, MA

Activities: Admissions Coordinator

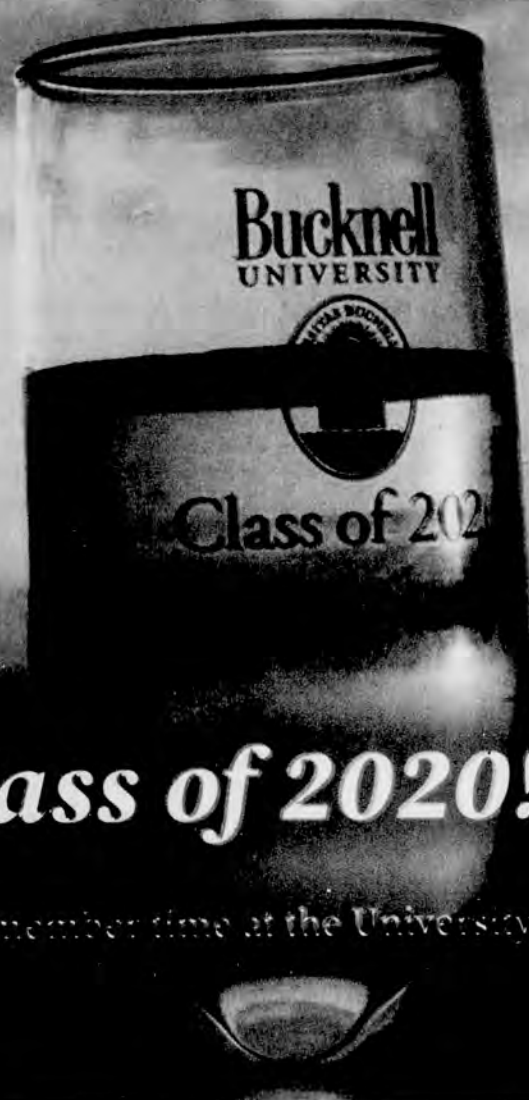
Favorite Part about Bucknellian: I've enjoyed working with everyone; especially staging photos for the investigative news articles



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Class of 2020 Commencement Issue



Welcome back, Class of 2020!

Inside, read reflections from 2020's graduates and remember time at the University past.

PHOTO BY MADELINE DIAMOND '17

President Bravman, Provost Mermann-Jozwiak to deliver Commencement remarks

On the morning of Saturday, May 21, the Class of 2020 will re-celebrate their graduation from the University, among their peers and the greater community.

In the midst of an unprecedented shutdown of in-person University education due to Covid-19, a virtual Celebration for the Class of 2020 was held on YouTube on July 19, 2020. After being kicked off with the national anthem by Lily Mitchell '20, students then heard from University President John C. Bravman and Provost Elisabeth Mermann-Jozwiak. Carolyn Speer Miles '83, P'14, former CEO of Save the Children, delivered the commencement address to the Class of 2020. Brishti Mandal '20 shared the class response.

Saturday's ceremony will be again joined by Bravman and Mermann-Jozwiak.

Bravman is the University's 17th President, and has served in that role since 2010. He led the University's "most ambitious" fundraising campaign ever, raising over half a billion dollars, a third of which was specifically earmarked for financial aid. Bravman also spearheaded the Plan for Bucknell 2025, the University's most recent Strategic Plan. He works directly with the University's Board of Trustees to implement their initiatives, and describes himself as the effective "CEO" of the University.

He also serves as the chair of the board of directors for Geisinger Health.

After being raised in New York City and on Long Island, Bravman went to Stanford as a first-generation college student to complete bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in materials science and engineering. After becoming a professor in the same field, he won Stanford's highest award for excellence in teaching. He created the Freshman-Sophomore College there — similar to Bucknell's Residential Colleges program — around the same time he was moved into Stanford administration.

He has a named scholarship at Stanford, and at the time of his move to Bucknell in 2010, had been at Stanford for 35 years.

Mermann-Jozwiak became the University's Provost in 2019.

Prior, she was the dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Gonzaga University. She was a professor of English and women's & gender studies, and holds degrees from University of Wisconsin-Madison as well as the University of Cologne in Germany.

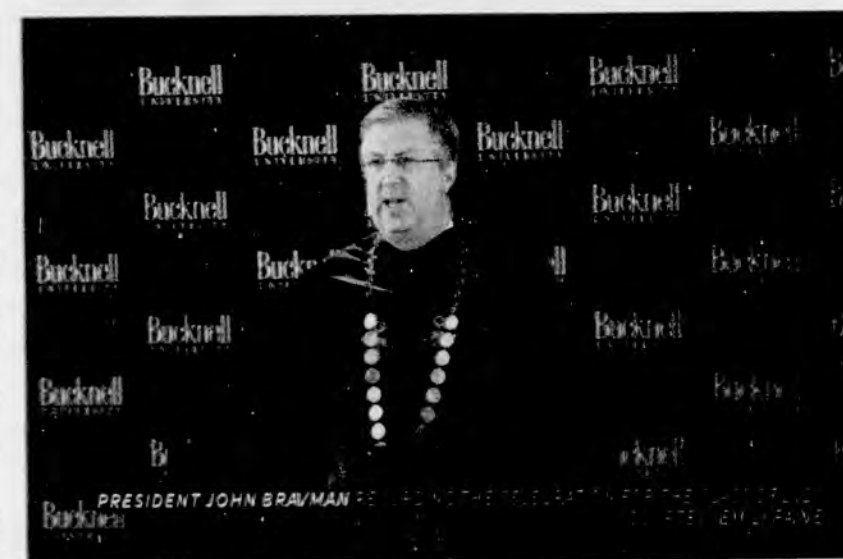
Now, she is the University's chief academic officer.



PROVOST ELISABETH MERMANN-JOZWIAK



ARIANNE EVANS '20



PRESIDENT JOHN BRAVMAN

Arianne Evans '20 filled with gratitude for chance to speak at 2020 Commencement

Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

Bucknell's Class of 2020 was not able to participate in a traditional graduation ceremony before all students were sent home in the spring semester of 2020 because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

On May 21, at 10 a.m., the University will host the Class of 2020 on Malesardi Quadrangle to give them the ceremony they missed out on. Arianne Evans '20, student government president of the class of 2020, will be speaking at the ceremony on Saturday.

Evans said that she has been in frequent contact with the university to plan on how they were going to bring everyone back for their graduation.

"I was originally shocked to hear they're actually bringing us back," she said. "And then just overwhelmed with immense gratitude that I went to a school that cares enough to really honor their commitment to bringing us back as they said they would in

March 2020."

Evans, originally from Orange County, California, said that she plans on talking about the evolution of her class and their time at Bucknell and beyond. This was inspired by the journey that she said she went on during her time in college.

Graduating from Deerfield Academy in Western Massachusetts, Evans was a standout water polo recruit in high school. She said she chose Bucknell out of the schools she was being recruited by because of the balance of academics and athletics, as well as the size of the University.

After her first year on the water polo team here, a torn hip labrum kept Evans from continuing on in athletics. She chose to take her fall semester off, taking a few classes at a community college back in California. After encouragement from a few professors in the school of business, she decided to come back to campus.

"When I got back to campus in the spring term, I basically had to redefine who I was on campus without the [water polo] team," Evans said. "I basically took the leap and joined everything related to outdoor education. I became a climbing wall facilitator, high ropes course facilitator, I joined Buck Wild."

During this time, she also became very involved in the College of Management. While charging her phone in the ELC one day, Dean Conrad convinced her to run for BSG President—which she won.

"I think Bucknell allowed me the space to really wear a lot of hats on campus," she said.

Evans is now working in Nassau, capital of the Bahamas, as a day teacher as well as at The Marine Academy, an after school, year-round program for high school students that advocates for environmental protection.

"I would just say I'm immensely proud of my classmates for not only like everything that they've overcome and the resilience that they've shown over the past two years," Evans said. "But also just grateful for how many people are actually signed up to come back."

Schedule of Events

Saturday, 5/21

- **7 a.m. to 9 a.m.** — Check-in, Cap, Gown, Room Key and Ticket Pick-up, ELC Switchboard (second floor)
- **10 a.m.** Commencement for Class of 2020, Malesardi Quad
- **11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** — College Receptions
- **Arts and Sciences**, Sojka Lawn, rain Sojka Pavilion
- **Engineering**, Academic Quad, rain Academic East & West
- **Management**, Holmes Patio, rain Holmes Lobby

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graduate reflections

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2020, BUCKNELLIAN EDITORIAL BOARD AND BUCKNELL STUDENT GOVERNMENT SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS ON THEIR TIME AT THE UNIVERSITY

Chandler Houldin — 2018 BSG Executive President



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In the middle of March 2020, our senior class was instructed to pack up and leave campus without having the chance to celebrate our accomplishments or say our goodbyes to one another. No senior sunset, no candle lighting ceremony, and certainly not a last Commons salad. A Zoom ceremony was not going to cut it, so our commencement was postponed indefinitely. Now, after waiting two years for this moment, our class's commencement weekend is a reality.

I will admit, however, that returning to Lewisburg after a more than two-year hiatus from life in the 17837, is nerve-racking for me. There are new people and buildings, as well as COVID protocols. Campus is not the same as it was when we arrived in 2016 or left in 2020. But, I think that's okay. It is my hope that our delayed commencement celebration serves as a point of reflection. I am choosing to leave my nerves behind and spend this weekend celebrating, reuniting, and reflecting on my time at Bucknell, as well as where Bucknell fits into my post-graduation life.

I am most looking forward to reuniting

with classmates, fraternity brothers, fellow "BSG-ers," and professors who I have (embarrassingly) not kept in regular touch with. It is unexpectedly challenging to stay connected post-graduation, especially when facing obstacles such as jobs, grad school, new relationships, and living in different places. And let's face it, Zoom fatigue is real, making a weekly Zoom catch-up nearly impossible. I want to shake the cobwebs off my Bucknell relationships and commit to keeping up with them, as well as creating new ones.

Beyond missing people, some of us are probably out of touch with our passions. I suspect that many of us were engaged with something we enjoyed but are no longer pursuing. Let's find time to reflect on what we enjoyed, learned, and accomplished, and reconnect with it.

After facing this weekend head on, I want to be reinvigorated by the energy I gain from traversing campus, catching up with peers, and reminiscing about my time here. If, after taking your own time to reflect, you believe that Bucknell holds a place in your future, I hope that

you will bring your relationships and passions into the future with me.

Pick up a new sweatshirt and wear your orange and blue gear when you are out on a run. Who knows who will call out an excited "ray Bucknell!" along the way? Donate, if possible, and mentor current and graduated Bucknellians — maybe a classmate is looking for a new job or interested in the grad school you are attending. Giving back money and time will help the herd remain strong. By serving our classmates and university, we can make a difference in someone's trajectory and in the lives of those who sit in the same seats we once did.

Our class has a while to go before its 25th and 50th reunions; wouldn't it be a shame to feel so disconnected we don't even want to come back? I loved the four years I spent at Bucknell and want to remain connected to the people and place that helped me discover myself. I hope this weekend will allow our entire class to reunite with and be reinvigorated by the Bucknell community we will always be part of. 'ray Bucknell, and congratulations Class of 2020.

Ari Evans — BSG President for Class of 2020

My time at Bucknell, while in some ways seems like it was a lifetime ago, also feels like it was just yesterday that I was greeted by overly caffeinated OAs and OLs outside McDonnell Hall on my first-year move in day. I can still feel the energy of being surrounded by friends and classmates on a sunny spring day on the Malesardi quad, the organized chaos of walking through the LC Mall during lunch time, and the steamy heatwave crowded with smiling faces on a Thursday night at Towney-T or Bull Run. It was the place that allowed me the freedom to take risks, ask questions, make mistakes, and fall on my face. It was also the place that taught me how to make informed decisions, find answers to my questions, learn from my mistakes, and pick myself up again with a sense of identity and purpose.

When I reflect back on my four years at Bucknell, I am filled with immense gratitude for the exposure I got to diverse perspectives, experiences, disciplines, talents, identities, and experiences. I went from my first-year living on the "Languages and Cultures" residential hall, to "Frans House" in my sophomore year, to laying in hammocks outside the OEL "Outhouse" in my junior year, and then finally serving as the RA in Roser Hall Gateway with a mix of fraternity brothers, sorority sisters, football players, track stars, SpeakUp leaders, and Fulbright candidates causing all sorts of noise above, below and down the hall from me. This, coupled with my friends and classmates in The Freeman College of Management (shout out to my MSUS majors!), Bucknell Student Government (our powerhouse all-female 2020 Senate), OEL crew, and my day-ones on the Bucknell Women's Water Polo team, I feel like each day I walked into the Bertrand Library to wait in the absurdly long line for a watered-down coffee, climbed up the haunted stair

master in Taylor Hall, or trekked across campus for a late night walking taco, I always learned something new about myself, the people by my side, and the world around me.

One of the beauties of Bucknell and the undergraduate experience is that your interests, passions, and goals are fluid and ever changing. I came to Bucknell as a Division 1 Water Polo recruit and an intended Environmental Studies major in the College of Arts and Sciences. I had never stepped foot on campus until the day I moved in to my first-year dorm and considering I grew up in Southern California and then attended boarding school in Western Massachusetts, the only people I barely knew were the other water polo players and the one other person who matriculated to Bucknell from my high school. It felt like I was thrown into the deep end, and seeing horses and buggies in the Walmart parking lot and having to walk to 5:30am practice in freezing blizzards didn't exactly help me acclimate.

However, just as I was able to get my head above water and felt like I was learning the ropes around campus, I got a serious sports injury that after much deliberation resulted in me leaving the Bucknell Women's Water Polo team and my identity as a Division 1 student-athlete. Because of this, I also felt like it was best for me to take a semester-long leave-of-absence during the fall semester of my sophomore year. To be honest, at the time I felt like without water polo Bucknell was not the best fit for me, but I had just been accepted as an internal transfer into the Freeman College of Management and my mom convinced me to not completely withdraw from the university. I signed up for a full course load of community college classes in my hometown in California and started sending out transfer applications. I

was lost, confused, and isolated. Despite my many efforts to "ghost" her, Dean Ivy Kepner from the Freeman College of Management called me almost every week for brief check-ins. I'm not sure if it was these phone calls, the distance, the FOMO from scrolling through Instagram, or the fact that no other university I toured compared to Bucknell's uniquely balanced offerings, but I woke up one day in December 2017 and new it was time for me to buy a return ticket to Lewisburg.

I think the decision to go back to Bucknell was harder than the decision to leave for the semester. I was worried that I would be ostracized from my water polo teammates who were practically family and that I wouldn't be able to find a group of friends or a passion that would ever compare to my team or water polo. The exact opposite happened. I was greeted with screaming hugs and happy tears by my team who then adopted me as their own for the next three years, and I found a new sense of identity in the Outdoor Education and Leadership community as well as the Freeman College of Management and Bucknell Student Government. On top of that, those bi-weekly dreaded phone calls from Dean Ivy Kepner turned into a beautiful and still growing mentor-mentee relationship that resulted in me piloting a summer-long internship program with her the following year in Dublin (and I plan on visiting her on the same program this Summer 2022!).

The time I used to spend in double-day practices in the Kinney Natatorium was then replaced with working with the Freeman Fellows first-year mentorship program, studying abroad in my junior year with the International Honors Program in Uganda, India and Brazil, and ultimately serving as 2020 Senior Class President. All of this is to say that if there is any advice I could give a current or future Bucknellian about their



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experience it would be to embrace the unexpected changes, be brave in the uncomfortable turbulence, and find confidence in knowing that your days spent in the inevitable trenches of your undergrad experience will pay off. As a Class of 2020 graduate who will never forget the day we received the gut-wrenching email from President Bravman on March 10th, 2020 on what was supposed to be a week-long spring break that turned into a universally life-altering global pandemic, I can say that it was the lessons of resourcefulness, creativity, resilience, tenacity, and humility that I learned while living, learning, and growing at Bucknell that helped me find my way, once again, in a world that seemed unnavigable.

Now, over two years since the day the infamous news that we were transitioning to online learning hit our BucknellU inboxes, my fellow Class of 2020 classmates and I have been invited to return to Lewisburg and Bucknell's campus to honor our time, commitment, and accomplishments as students, leaders, researchers, athletes, outdoor guides, Bull Run trivia experts, sisters, brothers, musicians, and

lifelong warriors of what continues to be some of the most difficult times in history. I could not be more grateful to Bucknell for upholding their commitment in bringing our class back for an in-person Commencement and celebration. I am also overwhelmed with pride in the over 50% of Bucknell Class of 2020 grads who chose to return to Lewisburg two years after our original commencement date to finally give those desperately missed goodbye hugs to beloved friends and classmates, firm and genuine "thank you" handshakes to our wise professors, and to watch one last dazzling Lewisburg sunset over on the Malesardi quad with a champagne toast. I am at peace knowing that now when I look back at my final memories as a student and now alumna of Bucknell that I will remember a moment in time of reunion rather than separation and isolation from the people and place that grounded me and continue to be the wind behind my back in the world outside the home of the orange and the blue.

Thank you, congratulations to the Class of 2020, and 'Ray Bucknell!

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Soni Madnani — BSG VP Fin. Admin., Fullbright Recipient

Sometime in between the beginning of the pandemic and now, I think I forgot how to capitalize on life. It's a skill I often think I refined at Bucknell and began to lose when I left.

Life seemed much easier when we still lived at One Dent Drive. There was no virus threatening our loved ones or our communities. None of us had yet to enter the pandemic job market. And many of the things we had been hoping for still seemed attainable. Maybe I feel this way because I was a victim of the "Bucknell Bubble". Whatever it may be and despite its inherent flaws, Bucknell provided me with a playground to grow into myself and the world around me. It gave me community, a stellar education, and a love for advocacy that has continued to ground me today.

I would be no one without the people that Bucknell introduced me to. For each of us in the class of 2020, our friendships run deep. We formed them in our freshman year halls, in our affinity groups and cultural organizations, in the Caf, on the Quad, in Bertrand, and in all the little moments in

between everything else. I found unconditional love in my senior year roommates, family in the South Asian student association, and solace from good friends who share my passions. I will cherish these relationships for a lifetime.

Our community not only consisted of our friends but the faculty and staff who uplifted us through our four years on campus. They gave us insight into our world and what our place in it could look like. They comforted us when it all seemed unattainable and reminded us of our strengths when we felt we had none. The people we met along the way created a safety net for us to come into ourselves. Because of them, we could discover the things we care deeply about today. We found our interests and learned how to apply them in our campus community, and then, eventually, to the world.

The human support systems that Bucknell gave us allowed us to take full advantage of the ample opportunities for growth and exploration that surrounded us. I miss doing research with my favorite professor, attending policy talks in Academic

West (not only for the free pizza), hearing interesting people speak, traveling to and raising money for the Brigade, and tabling for BSG in the LC.

But most of all, I miss being a part of a community that elevates my voice. I yearn for the platform that Bucknell gave me to speak up and out about the issues that matter to me. My experiences on campus taught me to always be critical of the institutions I partake in, not because I aim to be a cynic, but because I care immensely about bettering the systems that I love. I left college confident in my ability to be an advocate and champion for the communities and issues that I hold dear.

The last two years have been a whirlwind. Still, I thank Bucknell for teaching us how to surround ourselves with nourishing communities while seeking exciting opportunities that align with our values. I hope our class can leverage the resilience that this time has taught us to continue to embrace these joys and the others that may come our way, even if another pandemic or curveball comes for us.

Sam Rosenblatt — Former Bucknellian Editor-in-Chief

Long after submitting one last essay and closing my laptop on my college career, it's difficult to remember the original mix of emotions I felt throughout senior year (the first six months of that academic year, before a much worse mix of emotions set in) and the emotions I expected to feel when I would walk through the Christy Matthewson Gates up to Malesardi Quadrangle. With two years of hindsight between closing and Commencement, I've started to value lessons from my Bucknell experience that I did not appreciate in real time.

The first lesson is that the sum of our experiences in college help shape who we become in our lives after college. Some might say this means drawing a through line from what we studied and what extracurricular activities and student groups we participated in to where our career paths begin. That description may match some of our experiences, but that's not what I'm getting at. What I see now is that how we took on these experiences are as important as what the experiences were. For example, when I think about my time spent writing and editing for The Bucknellian, I realize now that the most valuable parts were learning how to lead and support a team, how to be cool under pressure when facing a deadline, and how to improvise when things went south. Likewise, the best outcome of my classes wasn't a particular revelation spurred by a lecture in Academic West; it was that I learned how to craft an argument, how to prepare for a test or essay, and how to take initiative to further apply interests in those fields. The true value of the Bucknell education was how

we made the most of what we were passionate about, not just how many opportunities there were.

The second lesson is the importance of showing gratitude. Our abrupt departure from campus prevented many of us from vocalizing our appreciation for those who helped us to reach this finish line. While this weekend's festivities provide our grade some needed closure on a number of levels, they also provide us an opportunity to finally thank the people who made our achievements possible. This means appreciating our parents, our family, and our friends for supporting us and rooting for us to thrive over the four years we spent here and beyond. Being here, in Lewisburg, also means appreciating the faculty, staff, and resources who coached us, challenged us, and enabled us to grow. When we leave campus, they remain to mentor the next generation of students. I'm particularly thankful that Professors Scott Meinke, Chris Ellis, and Fernando Blanco sparked my interests in political science and Spanish. I'm also forever grateful for the guidance and advice of Emily Dietrich and Marilyn Shull at the Center for Career Advancement and Brent Papson with The Bucknellian. Amid all of this weekend's excitement, I hope we all take the time to thank those professors, counselors, and mentors for all that we owe.

The final lesson is that many of the friendships formed at Bucknell will become treasured relationships that we carry far beyond our college years. That lesson is not specific to Bucknell, nor is the reality that some of these relationships aren't easy to maintain as life begins to pull us in different

directions. The separation the pandemic forced on us gave me a crash course in the importance of keeping up these friendships. It also showed how a message from an old friend can light up your day. I'm so thankful for the friends I made here in Bucknell, and while I've had the chance to see many of them since our senior year, there's nothing better than reuniting in the place where it all began.

Two years into our new beginning, it's rewarding to finally return to campus. We come for closure, with the added perspectives and strength that only a once-in-a-generation experience provides.



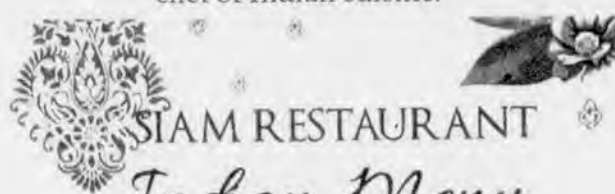
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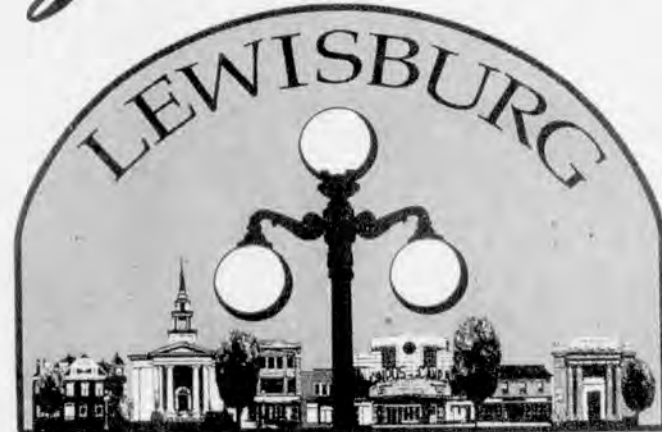
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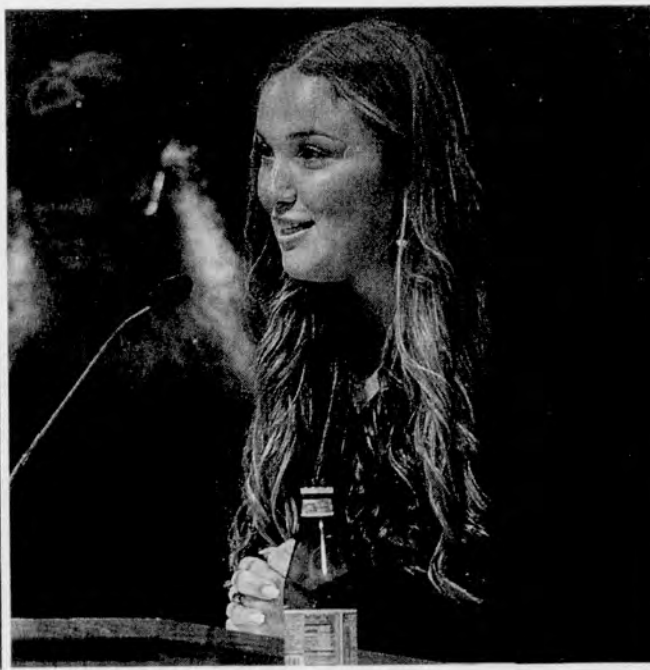
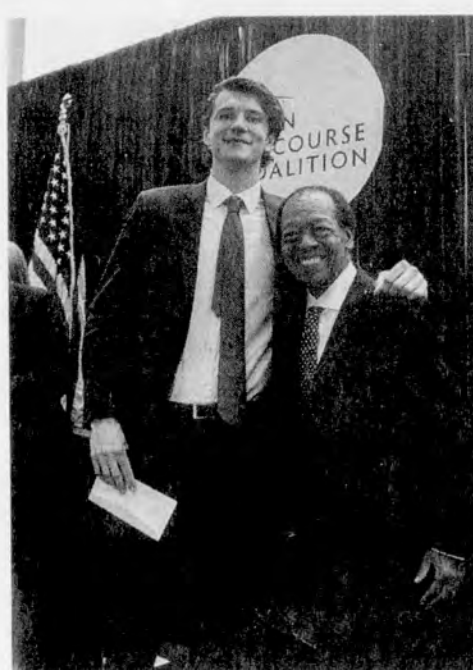
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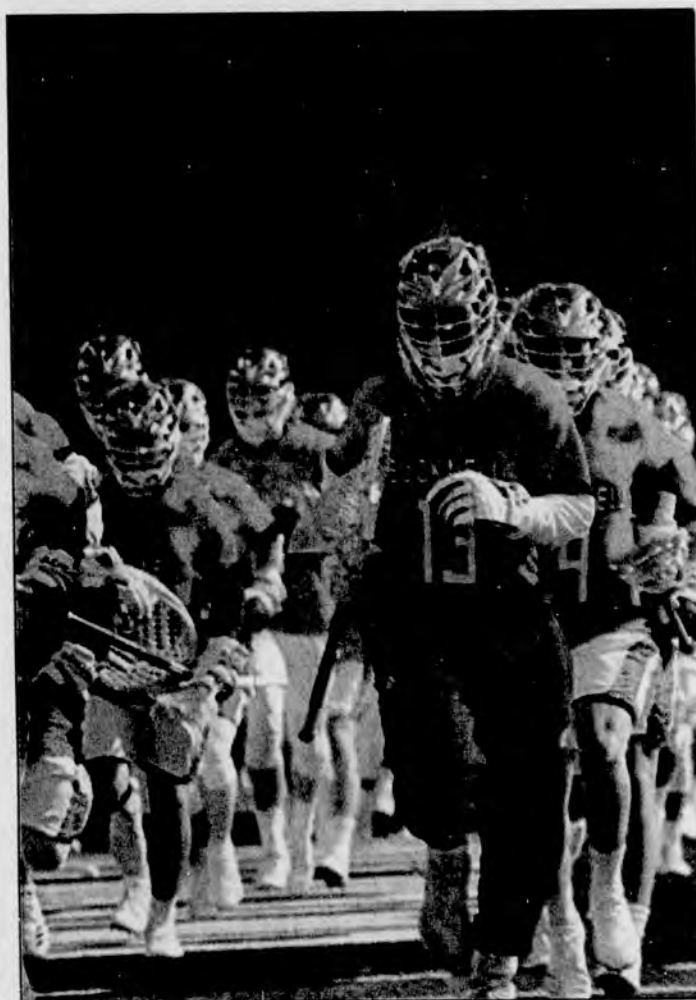
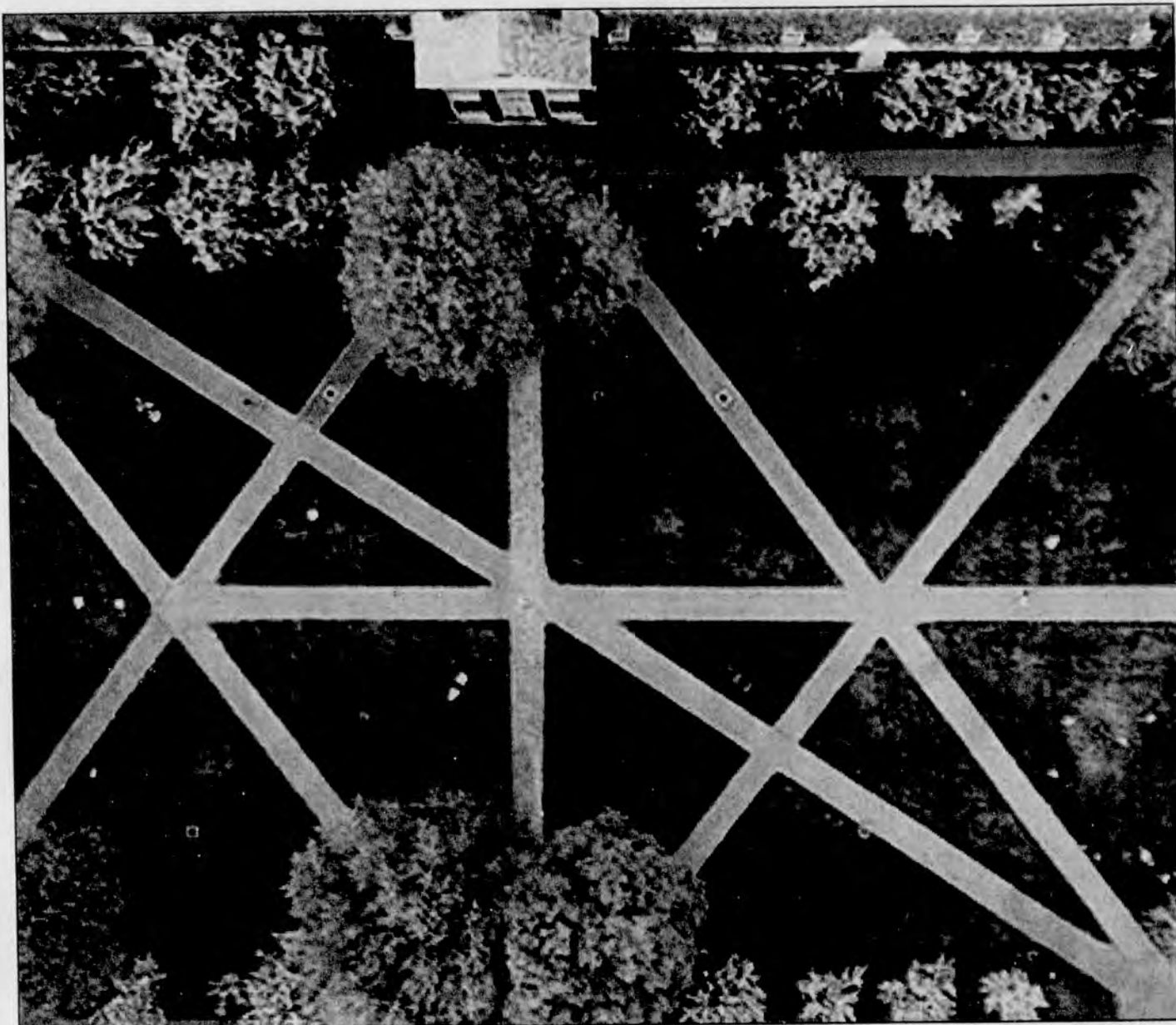


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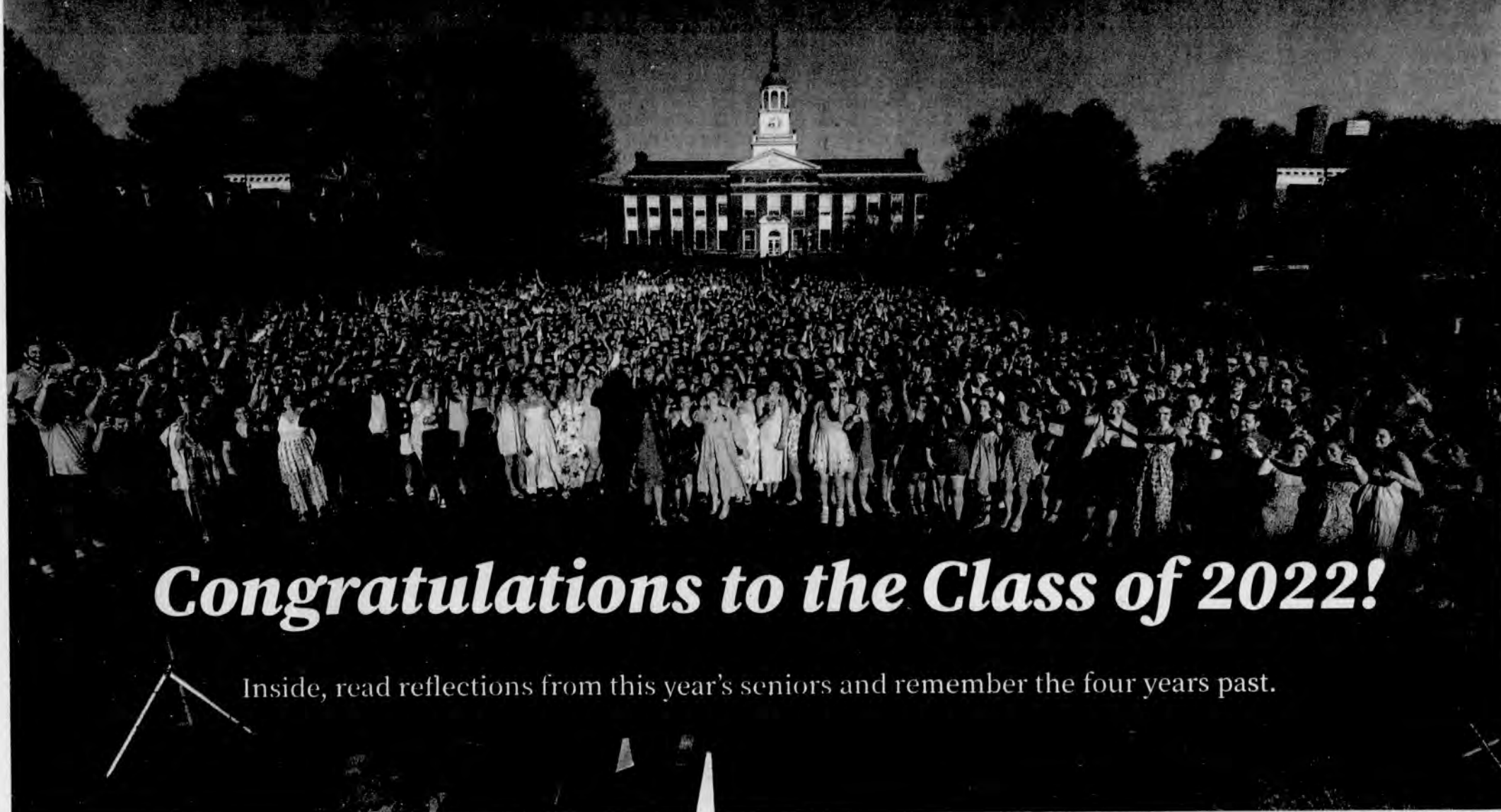


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Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

Inside, read reflections from this year's seniors and remember the four years past.

Daisy Auger-Domínguez '95, Chief People Officer, Vice Media Group

Anthony Lopez
Investigative News Editor

The commencement speaker for the Class of 2022 is Daisy Auger-Domínguez, a Bucknell alum who has spent her years since graduating in '95 applying her skills in talent acquisition, diversity and inclusion, and workforce organization at companies such as Google, Disney, and Viacom. She currently serves as Chief People Officer at Vice Media Group, where she has built upon over 20 years of experience to build and maintain employee wellbeing and organizational development for global teams in over a dozen countries worldwide.

Having founded Auger-Domínguez Ventures, a workplace consultancy, and written *Inclusion Revolution*, a book centered on dismantling racial inequity in the workplace, this year's speaker will offer a unique voice for a class entering an unprecedented workforce exemplified by shifting norms and demands.

"This year's graduating class will enter a workplace in transition," Auger-Domínguez said, noting the lasting impact of a deadly pandemic and years of political unrest. "Challenging us all to dismantle inequities in the workplace, to address issues of race, access, privilege, power and exclusion, will transform workplaces everywhere."

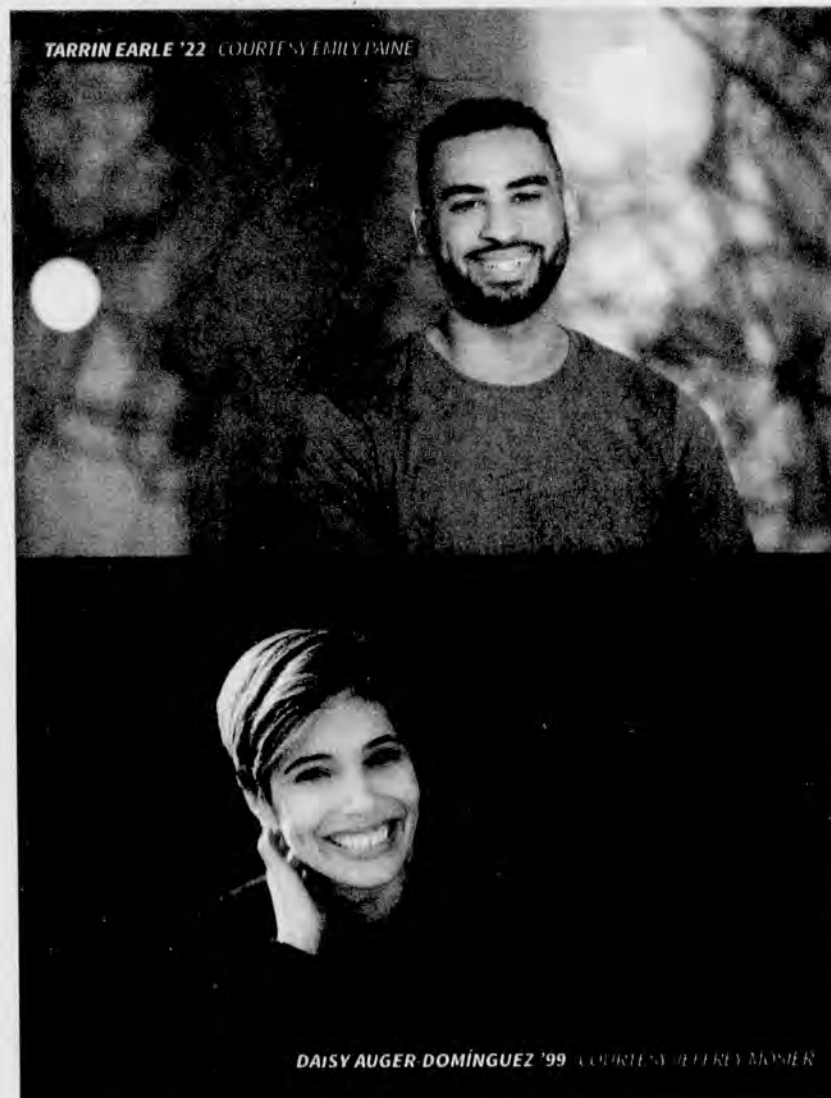
Auger-Domínguez's writings have reached far; her works have been published in *Harvard Business Review*, and she has been notably featured in *The New York Times* as well as *Forbes*, with a persistent emphasis on diversity, inclusion, and the workforce. Her passion for these subjects stemmed from growing up "surrounded by a rich tapestry of diversity and negotiation of identity", a reality that sharply contrasted the regressive environments in the workplace. "It wasn't until I joined the workforce that I pieced together my early life experiences as a training ground for navigating new ways of work."

Auger-Domínguez acknowledges that even when part of prestigious organizations and companies, and despite being asked to participate in meetings or urged to bring their voice forward, it remains possible for marginalized workers "to still not feel that people like them belong there."

In reference to one of her first places of employment, Auger-Domínguez noted that "I committed myself to help others feel seen, valued, understood and visible in the early part of my career as a credit risk analyst at Moody's when I repeatedly witnessed

women, people of color, LGBTQ and other marginalized employees sidelined and marginalized."

There is no one path to garner



a greater understanding of the debilitating consequences of a lack of diversity and inclusion within the workplace; Auger-Domínguez says that some of her most formative experiences occurred on Bucknell's campus. "Joining the social justice residential college was perhaps one of the most formative experiences of my early academic journey. Professors Teresa Amott, Linden Lewis and Erni Keen helped me make sense of the world along multiple identity lines including race, gender, class, abilities, and so much more."

On a campus that has often struggled to improve upon their levels of diversity and inclusion, Auger-Domínguez mentioned a fond sense of belonging from programs curated by minority students, such as the Big-Little program. "Finding people that not only looked like me but that also understood how I experienced life as a Latina on campus, helped me find my place."

Class of 2022 Commencement Speaker Tarrin Earle

Jacob Feuerstein
Print Managing Co-Editor

Tarrin Earle '22 is set to be the student speaker for the Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2022. He is a Markets,

Innovation and Design Major from Montclair, New Jersey and is a member of the Bucknell football team.

On the team he is a quarterback, putting him in a position especially reliant on strong leadership qualities. As a Markets, Innovation and Design Major he has also had the chance to flex his creative muscles. "Coming to Bucknell, I wouldn't have called myself the most creative person," admits Earle. "MIDE pushed me to think outside the box, which was one of the things I loved about it. That, and the numerous chances I got to work on team projects."

On campus he is involved in leading crucial discussions in the Bison Athletes of Color affinity group which has allowed him to build the strong bonds he has formed with first-year and sophomore students even in his senior year.

Earle is a recipient of the John F. Zeller Award, which is presented for outstanding contributions to Bison Athletics while exemplifying the best of Bucknell in the manner that its namesake did in his 68 years of service to the University. He has also been a member of the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll for his four years at Bucknell.

After graduation, Earle plans to coach football while pursuing a master's degree in business at North Central College.

Bucknellian Awards (see the rest on A2)

Erica Delsandro Faculty of the Year

Griffin Perrault
Editor-in-Chief

When Bucknell Professor Erica Delsandro first arrived at Bucknell in 1998—then as a student—things on campus were quite a bit different. "It was growing, but it still really felt like a small school," she explained. "And I don't think it feels like a state school now, by any stretch of the imagination, but the shifts at Bucknell have been representative of national shifts, and so what's happening here is happening in a lot of schools."

"There's lots of search firms, there's lots of headhunting, there's lots of consulting," Delsandro concedes. "That said, I think what Bucknell has been

really tenaciously holding onto is the sense that we're still a small college, that we're still a community. And that is often in tension with some of the actual practical workings of the institution as a business of higher education."

"Those tensions are often painful and difficult, but also they are moments when some really generative stuff happens." I sat down with Professor Delsandro for an interview in the waning days of the Spring 2022 finals season. Surely enough, our conversation witnessed a campus in constant transition—the quad where we sat slowly metamorphosed around us into its graduation attire, complete with a raised platform, seats, and fencing. We

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- **11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** — College Receptions
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- **Engineering**, Academic Quad, rain Academic East & West
- **Management**, Holmes Patio, rain Holmes Lobby
- **12 noon to 4 p.m.** — Cap, gown and commencement ticket pickup, ELC Terrace Room
- **12:30 p.m.** — POSSE Ceremony (by invitation only), Trout Auditorium, Vaughan Literature Building
- **1 p.m.** — ROTC Commissioning Ceremony (by invitation only), Rooke Chapel
- **3 p.m.** — Bucknell Community College Scholars Reception (by invitation only), Trout Auditorium, Vaughan Literature Building
- **8 p.m.** — Candlelighting for Class of 2022, Malesardi Quad
- **8:30 p.m.** — Celebration for Class of 2022, Sojka Lawn

Sunday, 5/22

- **10 a.m.** Commencement for Class of 2022, Malesardi Quad

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senior awards

AS VOTED ON BY THE STUDENT BODY

Andrew Funk — Excelled in athletics

Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

Andrew Funk '22 doesn't remember exactly when he started playing basketball, but his earliest memories with the sport are going to his brother's basketball games while growing up. He first fell in love with it after watching them.

After attending Archbishop Wood High School, where his team won the Philadelphia Catholic League and State Championships his junior year, he was recruited to play for Bucknell University.

"Bucknell stood out immediately to me in the recruiting process for a number of reasons, mostly because of the blend of high level academics and athletics where I knew I would be challenged in all aspects of life," Funk said. "It certainly did not disappoint, as I was able to create countless memories and establish lifelong relationships during my time here."



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With a successful career as a Bison, the 6-foot 5-inch guard was chosen to win the Senior Who Excelled in Athletics Award for the Class of 2022. Funk said he was flattered to be acknowledged in this way.

"I have met and been around so many outstanding athletes throughout all sports in my four years at Bucknell who have pushed me with their commitment to excellence, so to receive this award is a huge honor," he said.

It wasn't always easy for Funk, however. He said that the COVID-19 Pandemic placed a lot of doubt in him that caused some hardship through the year.

"Our season was in question my junior year, we didn't know how many games we would play, I missed my family, and there was just so much out of my control. I got through that time by taking it day by day and was fortunate to be around my great teammates and coaches," Funk said.

The Warrington, PA, native is a Finance major in the Freeman College of Management. He plans on attending Penn State University to pursue a Master's Degree in Business Management. He will also play one more year of basketball for the Nittany Lions.

"I'm very proud of my athletic career here at Bucknell and what I was able to accomplish. I knew there was always lofty expectations for athletics here and that certainly pushed me to work my hardest and put everything I had into it," he said. "There will always be the wish that we won more games, championships, etc., but at the end of the day, I place more importance upon the positive impact I hopefully had on my teammates, coaches, and people in the community during my four years."

Jasmine Minhas — Excelled in Diversity and Inclusion efforts

Jacob Feuerstein
Print Managing Co-Editor

Jasmine Minhas '22 says that the Sikh principles of seva (selfless service) and action against injustice have been a large part of her time at Bucknell. The senior hailing from Newark, Delaware and majoring in History, French, and Political Science has certainly had a large impact on the Bucknell community during her four years at the University. Taking part in a wide range of activities including being the Undergraduate Executive Intern for the Dean of Students; the Chair of BSG Diversity Committee; on the Student Advisory Committee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; a co-founder of the Support APIDA movement; the founder of the Public Safety Advisory Council; and a Trout Scholar.

Her wide range of experience has been impactful on the Bucknell community and is, "guided by a passion of creating a Bucknell where every student feels valued, seen, and supported." This same passion was deeply influential in her work as a co-founder of the Support APIDA movement, which was created in 2020. "Last year, I worked closely with Ruby Lee to help create the Support APIDA movement that exists on campus today. Under the umbrella of the ongoing movement, I worked closely with the Samek over the summer 2021 to successfully plan and implement a two day symposium regarding the Asian identity at Bucknell and in Lewisburg in September," she said.

Beyond her work in the APIDA movement, Jasmine worked to reform Public Safety on campus as a member of the Public Safety Advisory Council, which she founded in 2020, in order to allow for more student input in Public Safety on campus, especially from the Black and Brown communities. "One of the most challenging and rewarding projects that I have worked on has to be Public Safety reform. My journey with this particular project started in 2020 when the Bucknell Student Government, alongside administrators, received a letter from the Bucknell Coalition stating demands related to Public Safety reform which centered the concerns of Black and Brown communities on campus." She continued, "While having

meetings with administrators and then chief of public safety, Steve Barliar, to advocate for the demands listed in the letter, it became clear just how taxing and exhausting this process would be, given how much opposition was expressed. I remember thinking that this issue would be the hill that I'd die on before I graduated."

Jasmine's work was well-rewarded in this regard and she successfully pitched the idea for the Advisory Council, which now operates as the only committee to oversee a campus-wide department is entirely student-led.

"Bucknell must move to a place where students like myself are not the only ones tasked with initiating these important conversations, actions, and programs. I believe that each student is deserving of identity specific care and resources, even if they are the only ones representing a specific identity. The institution needs to make a more concerted effort to provide students who already feel and are on the margins with the appropriate cultural resources so they too are able to fully engage in all that the University has to offer," she offered.

Jasmine also wishes to thank Ke Sims, Dean Brown, Professor Enyeart, Liz Stolte, Bems James, Meredith Sullivan, Ruby Lee, Soni Madhani, John Davidian, and Kip Halligan for helping create the experience that she had at Bucknell and inspire the work that she has done while here.



Paris Grigsby — Outstanding Senior

Bel Carden
Special Features Editor

The word outstanding can have various different meanings: exceptionally good, excellent, clearly notable, remarkable etc. Although all of these terms apply to Bucknell's 2022 outstanding seniors, so do many more such as kindness, thoughtfulness, involvement and a seeker of knowledge. Paris Grigsby is a member of the bucknell community whose presence will surely be missed next year. Around campus Paris has become an easy to recognize face through her involvement. During her four years she was a campus residential advisor (RA), a junior fellow, JF, a T.E.A.M. mentor, a general member of black student union (BSU), acted on the search committee for the new associate director gender and sexuality, a member of the Library and Information Technology student advisory group, a SpeakUp Outreach coordinator and peer, has worked at the circulation desk in the library for her entire bucknell career and also worked as a peer writing consultant. While balancing all of these extracurriculars Paris also achieved a major in psychology and a minor critical black studies. She plans to continue her academic career following graduation at John Hopkins University, pursuing a masters in clinical mental health counseling.

When asked about her favorite bucknell memories Paris reflected on what exactly made her campus experience so special, "My favorite thing about Bucknell is the knowledge I've gotten from classes—the academics and the professors I've met have been amazing. I also love the friends that I've made here and I'll miss them SO much. My favorite memory isn't just one, but rather all the times I went with friends to sit on the quad, go to Bucknell events, or just vibe out in someone's common room—some of the best laughs came from those

adventures. I've learned an incredible amount about myself and other people while here at Bucknell but one of the most important things I've learned is probably the necessity to be in the present. College seems like forever but it really does fly by and I missed some things by worrying about the past or the future instead of really focusing on the present. Learning to live more in the present moment over time has really gifted me so many relationships and memories."

Although Paris will be missed around campus by peer and faculty/staff alike, all are excited to see the amazing things she will do in the future. Paris was an outstanding senior who will continue to be outstanding in her post grad endeavors.



Ke' Sims — Staff of the Year

Griffin Perrault
Editor-in-Chief

Community Director (CD) Keanu Sims was selected by the student body for the Bucknellian's Staff of the Year. I sat down with Ke' late last week to ask her some questions about her job, the Residential Education (ResEd) team, and the importance of the position she fills.

"I always say, higher education and 'res ed' kind of threw me for a loop," she laughs. "This wasn't the plan, but this is where I ended up. I mean, my education was in mass media journalism — so in my mind I was going into journalism."

"I went to Notre Dame of Maryland University up in Baltimore, and was a graduate residence coordinator. After I pursued my master's, I was like 'I really like Res Ed, I want to keep doing this.'"

"When I was looking for schools, I was looking for spaces that were more intimate settings, but also had a certain type of academic rigor." Ke' explained that what attracted her to Bucknell was its combination of academic excellence with community cohesion.

But she was also impressed by the students' commitment to their studies and passions:

"Bucknell is full of students who are pursuing really amazing degrees — really amazing career paths — while also trying to maintain some level of student leadership, student engagement, and that was important to me."

Noting that "the student connection of the job," is her favorite part of working at Bucknell, Ke' added that she takes great pride in building community, especially for students lacking other forms of institutional advocacy or power. This achievement, she notes, made the more difficult parts of the job "totally worth it."

Reflecting on her work at the University, Ke' was unequivocal in her admiration of the student body and its dedication to working with CDs to improve the campus community. She explained that the student body's receptiveness and drive to solve problems even outstrips that of the administration and staff.

But Sims reserves her highest praise for those same CDs who put in work at Bucknell everyday. "We're everywhere," she explains of the ResEd team, adding that their work extends from individual student appointments to administrative communication to community-level problem solving.

"And we're always here to help," she concluded.



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Jeniah Martin '22 is an artist in more than one sense of the word, majoring in both Theatre and Creative Writing at Bucknell as well as pursuing dance. An Arts Merit Scholar, Martin began her exploration of the arts through church plays as a child and a consistent personal interest in writing, but did not decide to actually major in them until earning the Arts Merit Scholarship.

Since coming to Bucknell, Martin has tried to immerse herself in the arts in as many ways as she could. On top of her two arts majors, Martin was a member and later Junior Fellow for the Arts Residential College, was a member and captain of the Bisonettes Dance Team, performed in dance showcases, was the newsletter editor and writer for Bucknell Theatre Publicity, and acted and directed various theatre productions. Beginning as an actress her first-year fall and a director the year after, most recently she performed in *Crumbs From the Table of Joy* this past fall and assistant directed the spring musical *Fun Home*. In addition to all of this, Martin also co-founded Theatre Students of Color on campus in hopes to create more opportunities for artists of color at Bucknell.

Of all of these experiences, Martin cites two that are particularly memorable, the first being the Bisonettes Dance Team:

"The Bisonettes Dance Team was a gift that will stay with me forever

because it was such a great community for me to have and it was an amazing feeling getting to dance at so many different campus events with people I call family," said Martin.

Additionally, Martin will forever remember the play *UnHeard/UnSpoken*. The play was devised and written by 28 students, including Martin, based on themes of anxiety, loneliness and miscommunication. The show was chosen for the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, though that is not why it was special to Martin.

According to Martin, "UnHeard/UnSpoken... is another memory that will stay with me because it was one of my first chances to make and produce my own theatre work, and combine all of my artistic interests to make something beautiful."

Following graduation, Martin plans to remain in the arts. As she currently applies for editorial jobs and fellowships in creative writing for theatre, she also plans to begin auditioning for shows in her native city of New York when she returns.

On her overall experience in the arts at Bucknell, Martin said:

"I'm glad that I got involved in so many different arts experiences and I learned that being active in the arts makes you a more involved, innovative, and conscious citizen. Being in the arts has taught me about problem solving, being vulnerable, and connecting deeply with the people around me."

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spoke amid the rumble of construction equipment, cranes, reversing trucks and the receding voices of students leaving for summer vacation.

Though herself a former Bucknell student, Delsandro now ranks among the faculty of the University's Women and Gender Studies Department. Reflecting on the many times she's witnessed this campus transformation before, Delsandro feels immensely proud of her time spent educating students and challenging them to think critically. In her classroom, she notes, "I'm seeing curious students, I'm seeing interesting students, I'm seeing questioning students, I'm seeing committed students."

"And that really makes my teaching life so rewarding—watching students grapple with material, think about the world around them, maybe change the way they think about the world around them," she pauses for a moment. "Or start that shift to defamiliarizing the norms of our society or historicizing social phenomena that allows them to think critically about the systems that we are all positioned in. That's rewarding."

Delsandro's many achievements as a professor and educator are palpable. Yet her proudest accomplishment is, interestingly,

an ability to uncouple her self-worth from these very deeds which have so distinguished her in the eyes of her students. "That was very difficult," she remarks of the process of anchoring her self-worth beyond her identity as a scholar and educator. "It was unlearning years of graduate school socialization, it was a lot of therapy, but as much as I feel like I am invested in a vocation—not a profession—I also know that if my identity is sutured to this university or to my job, I will always feel a little unfulfilled and a little unrewarded."

When I asked Delsandro to reflect on her time at Bucknell, and how it's changed for the better, her response was heartening. "Our student body does represent a much more diverse population," than in the past, in part owing to more accommodating admissions and aid.

But there is a countervailing consequence to this trend, Delsandro explains. "The flip side of that is that our students of color, our first-gen students, our queer students, our trans and disabled students often carry the burden of educating the rest of our community on their needs." Community-building, she mentions, is a difficult task for any institution of higher education. "But I think, from the bottom-up way, people want to work

together."

I concluded the interview by asking Professor Delsandro what, in her view, was the point of a higher education. "Higher education isn't for everyone," she started. "There's lots of ways to live productive, generative, accountable lives as engaged citizens that don't necessarily require a four-year college degree." She then explained that there were a number of benefits to education that are frequently glossed over by social and economic pressures. "Its purpose is both self-serving and altruistic. You grow mentally, emotionally, psychologically, in terms of political beliefs and savvy."

"But that personal growth then produces a kind of life about contributing. And if everyone is always in process with their best self and trying to become that best self, then you're also the best self to others." We both paused for a moment after this answer, then she added:

"That sounds a little romantic, but... higher education's pretty awesome."



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senior reflection

Maddy Scopano — 2021 BSG Executive President

When one of my amazing mentors, shoutout to Marcus Scales, asked me to define my Bucknell experience in one word...I first said I'd need two.

A lot has happened these past few years and I don't quite think one word could capture it all. Our class has been trying to navigate life without direction, even when the world itself felt lost. We suffered an ongoing pandemic, coupled with loss and isolation, witnessed gendered and racial violence, and continue to search for stability during a time that feels anything but.

The world's experience mirrored my own college tenure: I felt lost. During my first-year, I felt I didn't belong to Bucknell; that I either needed to change or to transfer out. I resorted to the former, trying to assimilate into

a culture that felt inauthentic to who I, a bi-racial, working-class woman, was.

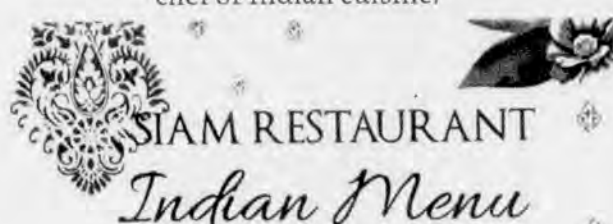
My second-year, I started to learn that perhaps it wasn't I that needed to change, rather, the University culture that should change to welcome me and other marginalized communities. I embarked on a journey to self-discovery after self-silencing paired with (minoritized) community advocacy to make inclusive space for the person I was discovering.

My last-year, I continued to realize there's a bidirectionality in learning where sometimes you play the teacher even when you're made to be the student. I learned to educate myself while working to educate others. Most saliently, I did this in BSG through advocating and sustainability structuring

practices that center the most vulnerable in our community: Black, Brown, Latinx, APIDA, International, LGBTQ+, working class, and female students.

My experience in one (two) words? Growing pains. Linguistically, pain is a noun, a state of being that resembled my own during Bucknell. Adding "pains" is to honor the ugliness of growth in a world that often romanticizes and aestheticizes healing. Growing, a verb to represent an ongoing process, one I hope to continue beyond Bucknell. In my time here, I have changed, grown, and pained tremendously, and do it with no regret and much reward. Thank you Bucknell, for allowing me to both teach and be taught.

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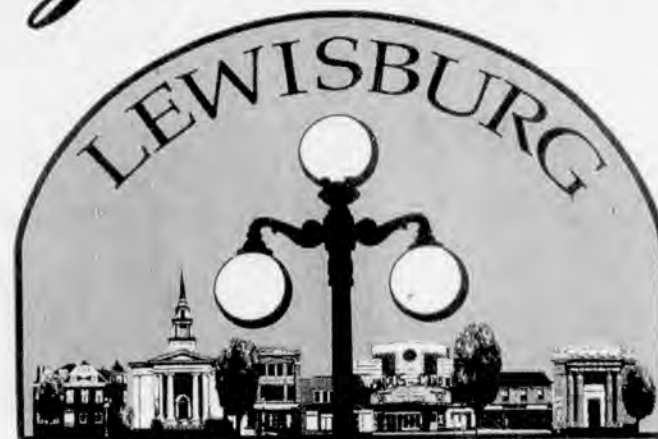
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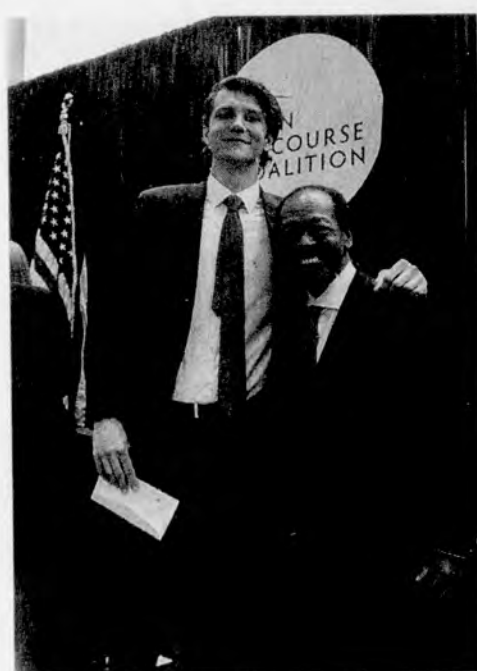
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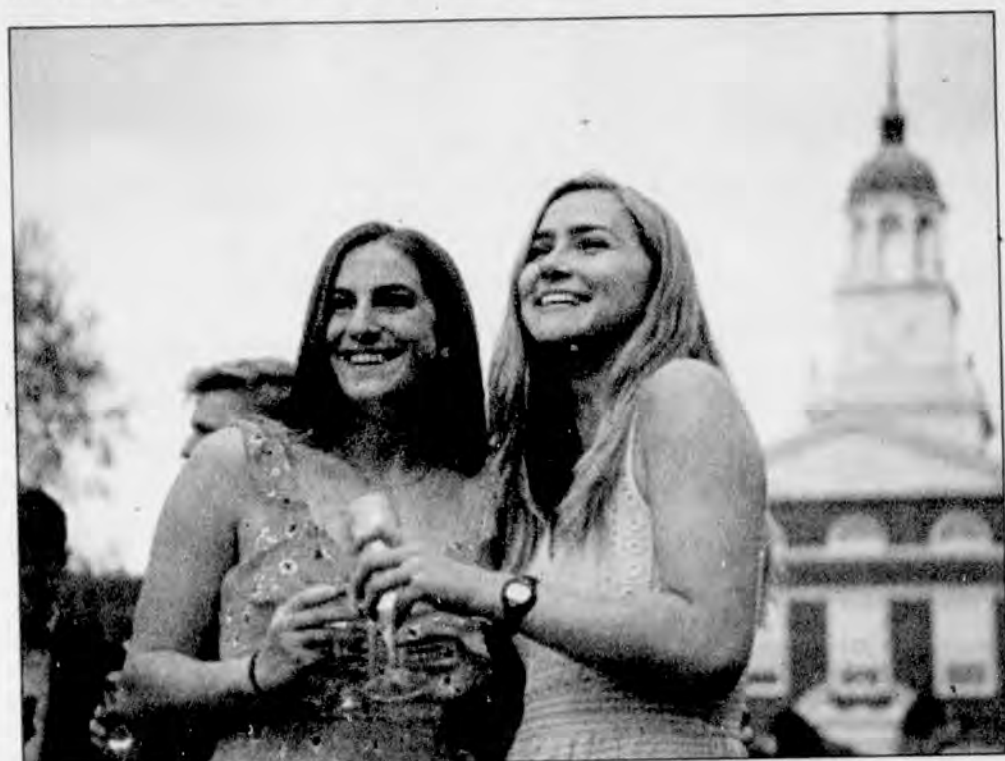
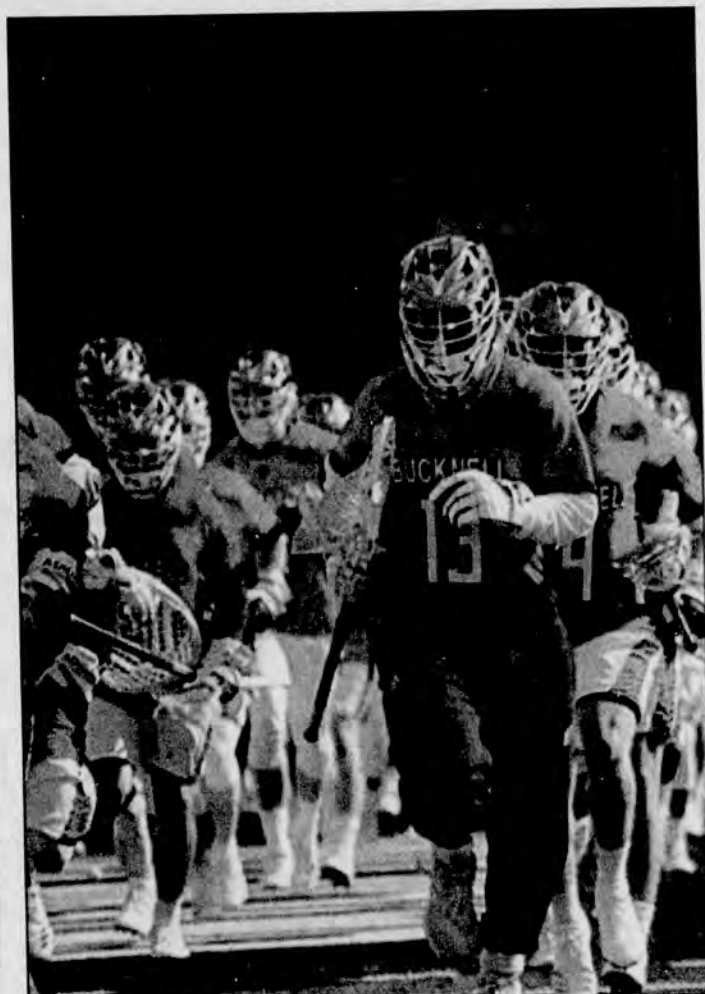
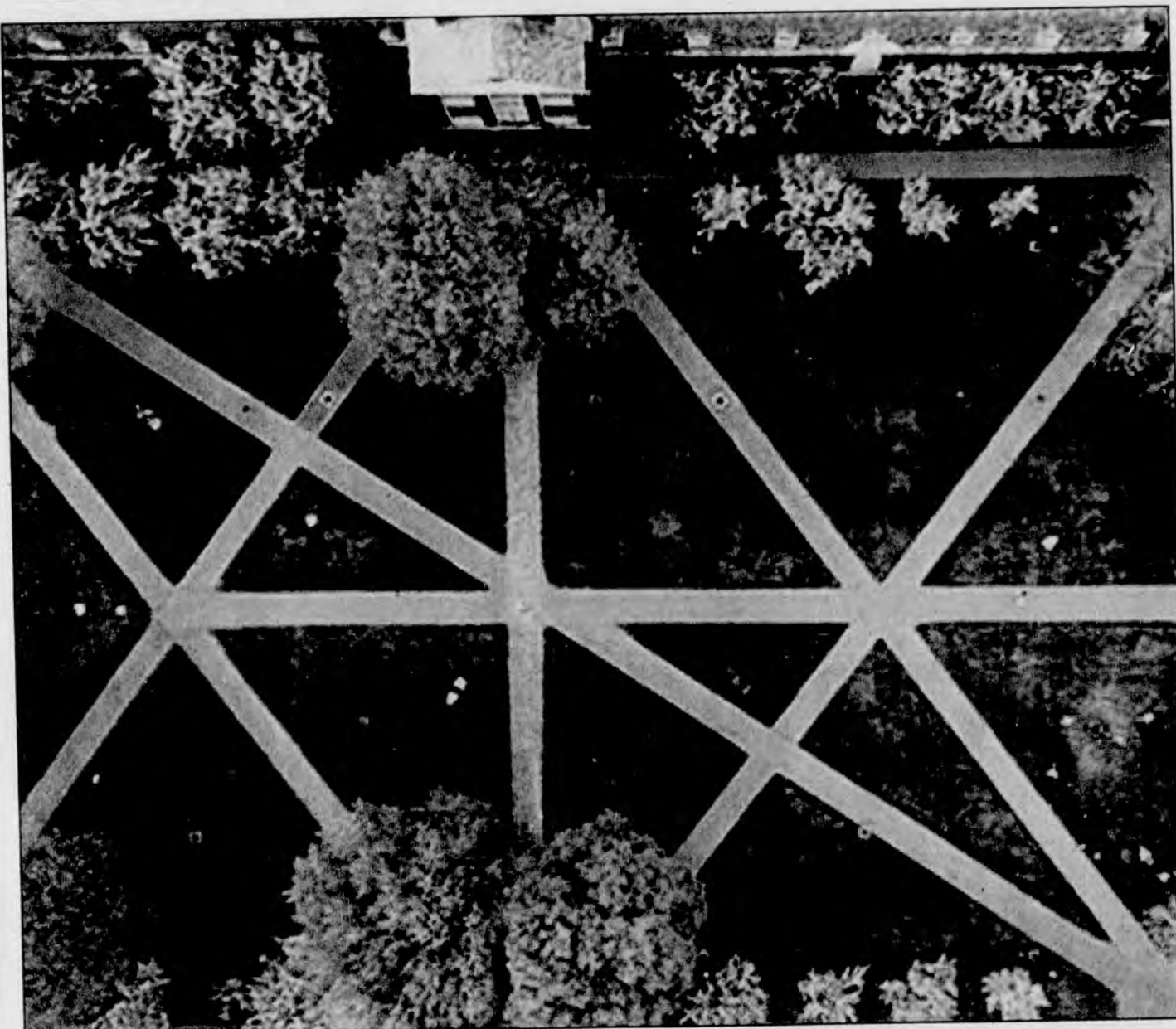
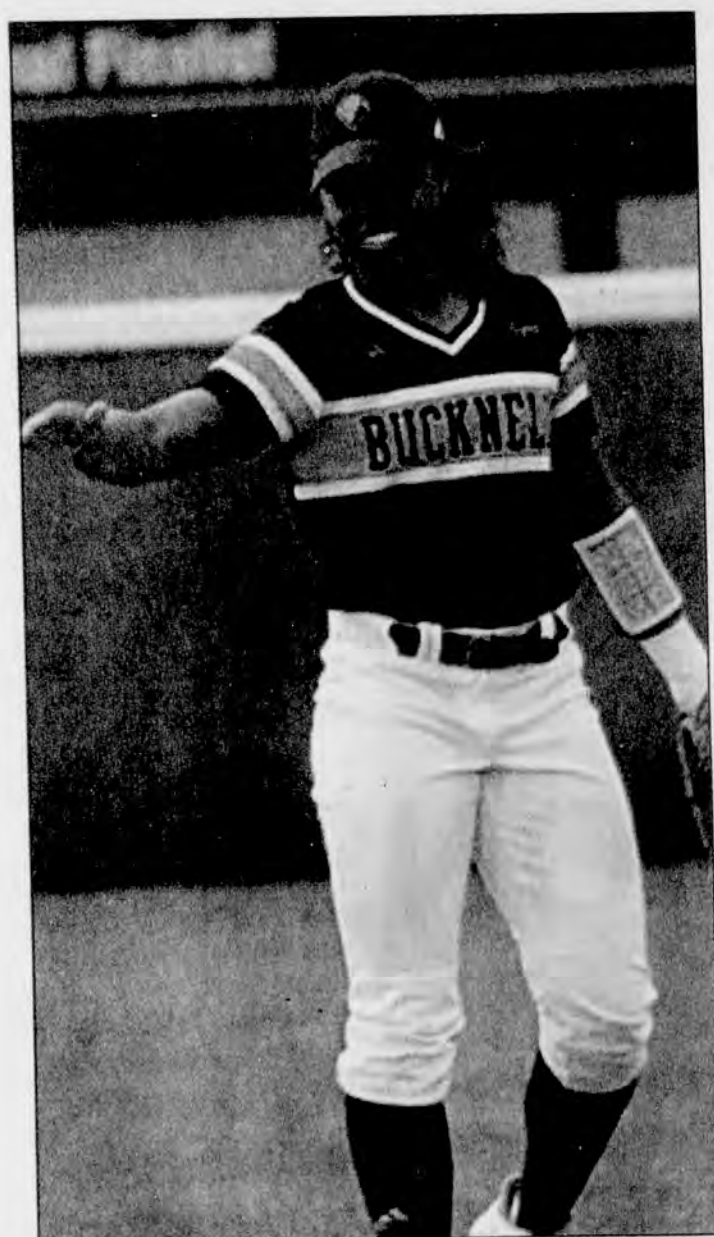


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